

COUNTERTOP CONNECTIONS

VeggieConnections:
Connecting to a Powerful Relationship with God



Leader Directions

Sparks and Flash

Each week, the children will be greeted by two electricians named Sparks and Flash. The electricians are the facilitators at Countertop Connections and can be dressed simply with a tool belt around their waist. If desired, you may provide a more elaborate costume that would include overalls, a hard hat, and boots.

Sparks and Flash should be played by the same two volunteers each week. If a substitute is ever needed, use a new name and simply say he or she is a friend of one of the electricians. Then change the name in the scripts accordingly.

Sparks and Flash will

- welcome the children;
- lead them in a brief song;
- share any program announcements;

If your church has chosen to participate in the mission project with *Compassion International*, this would be a great time to talk about that project each week.

- introduce the Bob and Larry puppet segment;
- show the video clip;
- help kids learn different ways to memorize the Program Verse, James 4:8, and six Unit Memory Verses (seven Bible verses in all, throughout the year);
- close in prayer;
- dismiss the children in their *VeggieConnections Groups* to the Veggie sites they are visiting for that day.

Arrival Activities

Before the weekly welcome, Sparks and Flash may want to choose one of the following Arrival Activities as kids enter the gathering area for the Countertop Connections:

- Sing this song to the tune of *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe*:
One, two God loves you.
Three, four there's so much more.
Five, Six God's love sticks.
Seven, Eight Connections are great.
Nine, Ten Jesus is my friend.
Repeat, getting faster and faster.
- Nonverbal Simon Says:
Do simple motions that the children can repeat.
- Play a freeze dance game with the *VeggieConnections Music CD*:
Everyone dances to the music and freezes when music is paused.
- Make up a fun listening game.
Say: **If you're wearing** _____ **do** _____.
For example, If you're wearing sandals, touch your ears.

Program Verse (James 4:8) / Unit Memory Verses

Here are several creative ways to teach kids the Program Verse and Unit Memory Verses to help them remember them:

- Teach the verse as a group chant.
- Say the first half of the verse **Come near to God . . .** and have the children respond with **. . . and he will come near to you.**
- Divide the room into two groups, half shouts out **Come near to God . . .** the other half responds with **. . . and he will come near to you.** The entire groups shouts **James 4:8.**
- Invite individuals to come up and share the verse.
- Invite a *VeggieConnections Group* to share the verse.
- Sing to the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell* (See page 3).
- Sing to the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb* (See page 3).



JAMES 4:8
Come near to God
and he will come
near to you.

Come Near to God

Sung to the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*

Come near to God. Come near to God.
When you come near to God.
He'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
Believe in God and show your faith,
And he'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
Talk to him and listen too,
And he'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
Share God's love with all you meet,
And he'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
Trust in all God's promises,
And he'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
When you spend time with God,
He'll come near to you.

Come near to God. Come near to God.
Share your joy in knowing God,
And he'll come near to you.

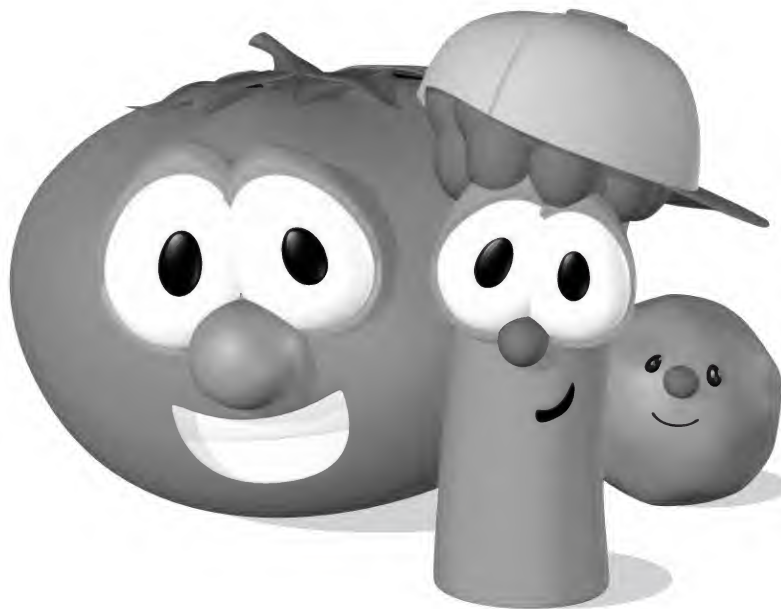
Come near to God. Come near to God.
God's promise from James 4:8
Is he'll come near to you.

Come Near to God

Sung to the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

God's Bible tells me what to do,
what to do, what to do.
God's Bible tells me what to do,
and I want to obey.

Come near to God and he will come,
near to you, near to you.
God's promise to come near to you is
found in James 4:8.





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Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash Skit: Introduced by another leader.

Sparks and Flash enter, dancing to the THINK—LINK—ACT song upon introduction. Have Sparks and Flash greet students. Include a brief description of their job, explaining that electricians help things connect to their power source. After introductions, Sparks and Flash may choose to follow this script.

Future lessons do not provide a skit, as your opening time is generally limited to a shorter time period.

Sparks: Boys and girls, Flash and I are energized and ready to be your guides as we learn this year about relationships with God.

Flash: Yeah, kids, and you will begin your adventure in just a few minutes. First, we'd like to explain to you how things are going to work.

Sparks: Every week, you'll meet your VeggieConnections Shepherd right here at the Countertop Connection. VeggieConnections Shepherds, raise your hands! Great! You'll sit together with your shepherd and wait for Flash and me to start the program!

Flash: Sparks and I will sing a song with you and then share any announcements for the day. Then, our friends Bob and Larry will share some fun with you.

Sparks: Next, we get to watch a VeggieTales video segment! How many of you have ever heard of VeggieTales? *(Have children answer by putting their hands on their shoulders, touching their elbows, or make a silly face.)*

Flash: Great! For those of you who haven't, VeggieTales is a series of videos and books that teach us about God in a really fun way. And this year, we're going to learn a lot of great stuff about God and having a relationship with him!

NOTE:

Countertop Connections will be slightly longer the very first week of the program in order to orient the children to the program. As the children arrive, ask one of the leaders to welcome the children, do the first activity, and then welcome Sparks and Flash.

Sparks: That's right. And, while we're building a relationship with God, we're also going to help out some wonderful kids as we partner with *Compassion International*.

Flash: After the video segment, we will close our time all together learning our program Bible verse "***Come near to God and he will come near to you.***" That's from the book of James, chapter four, verse eight. Then we will finish with a prayer.

Sparks: And then you'll go to a fun Veggie Site with your *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.

Flash: This is so exciting, Sparks! I can't believe how super this is going to be. And do you know the best part? We're going to be connecting with God and making a "zaptacular" relationship with him.

Sparks: That's right! We're going to THINK about what to do, LINK to what we have learned, and ACT in a way that God teaches us to in the Bible! You'll learn more about that when you travel to all sorts of fun Veggie Sites like the Chocolate Factory and Madame Blueberry's Tree House.

Flash: Snoodleburg and the Veggie Lagoon!

Sparks: Flibber-o-loo and Dodgeball City!

Flash: And at every one of these places, you'll find out new ways to connect to God, build a great relationship with him, and THINK—LINK—ACT.

After the skit is over, Sparks and Flash take over the Countertop Connections leadership roles from here on.

- Lead children in the THINK—LINK—ACT song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.
Talk about the *Compassion International* project, if you have chosen to participate in this wonderful mission opportunity that will help kids connect to other kids around the world!

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Every day we're going to get to hear from our friends, Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber, as they do a puppet show for us. Let's see what they have to say to begin our VeggieConnections program!**
- Now it's time to introduce you to our good pals, Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber. Kids, did you know that God knows each one of us? He made us and has a plan for each of our lives. Every week we'll get to see a VeggieTales clip that will show us different ways we can connect to God. Today we'll see Bob and Larry stranded on an island. Larry, the first mate, isn't feeling too good about himself. Show Unit 1, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – you are amazing! – We want so much to learn – how to connect to you and be a part of your family! – Please help us to build – a wonderful relationship with you! – In your name we pray, – amen.**

Dismiss the children to their sites with their *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.



PUPPET SKIT:

Use the puppet skits found on the *VeggieConnections Music CD* and the puppet script found on the next page to provide a short Bob and Larry puppet show.

VIDEO CLIP:

Utilize the *VeggieConnections DVD* to easily key up the clip needed to show the VeggieTales video that coincides with the lesson focus.

Bob and Larry Puppet Skit / Unit 1: The Faith Connection

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Lesson 1: God has a purpose for everyone.

Larry: (*celebrating*) Whoopee! Yeah! Yee-haw! I can't believe it! Bob, Bob! Did you hear the good news? My duckie is going to have a new friend!

Bob: Larry, what is it? Why are you shouting?

Larry: Oh Bob, something I've always dreamed of is about to come true! I can hardly believe it—yippee!

Bob: Calm down, Larry. Tell me, what are you so excited about?

Larry: (*deep breath*) Okay, Bob, (*inhale*) God has a porpoise for everyone! My very own dolphin, just for me! Can you believe it? When do you think it will arrive? I've got to clean my bathtub!

Bob: Larry, Larry wait! Did you say "God has a PORPOISE for everyone?"

Larry: I sure did! I'm going to name mine Hubert. Do you like that name, Bob? I wonder if he'll look like a Hubert, though. What are you going to name your porpoise, Bob?

Bob: Hold on, Larry. I don't want to disappoint you but you aren't going to get a porpoise. That's because God has a PURPOSE for everyone, not a porpoise. A purpose is a plan for your life.

Larry: (*a little dejected*) Are you sure, Bob?

Bob: Yes, Larry. But don't be disappointed; a purpose is even better than a dolphin.

Larry: It is?

Bob: Sure, Larry. Let's go to the Veggie Lagoon where you can learn all about what that means.

Larry: Okay, Bob. Time to get excited about something else now! Yippee, whoo-hoo—God has a purpose for me! God has a plan for Larry the Cucumber. I can't wait to tell everyone I know! Whooooo pie!



Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *THINK—LINK—ACT* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Today Larry is a bit nervous; let's listen and find out why.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Now it's time to watch a video clip that will help us remember what to do when we get scared. Junior Asparagus sings a song to help us remember that God is bigger than anything else!** Show Unit 1, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – you are so big! – Thank you for – caring about – what worries us. – Please keep – all your children safe, – including the kids – from Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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VIDEO CLIP:

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Lesson 2: My faith helps me overcome challenges.

Lighting is set to produce shadows of the puppets.

Larry: (*urgent voice*) Bob, freeze! Stand perfectly still. There is a monster directly behind you.

Bob: (*freezes and is frightened*) Wh-Wh-What?

Larry: Right behind you, Bob. It's dark and round and oh so terrifying. If you stay still, it might go away.

Bob: I'm not moving.

Larry: Well, neither is the monster. That's funny.

Bob: (*moves toward Larry*) Oh Larry, there's no monster.

Larry: Freeze! It's moving towards you right now. (*Bob stops*) Hmmm, well, now it stopped. I am on the edge of my seat to see what will happen next!

Bob: (*looks behind him*) Larry, I think you see my shadow, not a monster. See? When I move, the shadow moves with me. (*Bob moves to the right, then to the left.*)

Larry: How about that! That sure was scary, though, don't ya think?

Bob: Ya, a little. But I wasn't too worried.

Larry: Why not?

Bob: Because God is always with us, even when we're afraid. Let's go to the Veggie Lagoon. We'll learn all about something called faith. When you have faith in God, it helps you when you're afraid.

Larry: Always?

Bob: Always, Larry. How about going to the Veggie Lagoon with me, right now?

Larry: Beat ya there!



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- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *God is Bigger* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Larry has a special pirate ship. Let's listen in today and see what happened to it.**
- To transition to video clip, say: **Sometimes when we need help or we're sad or scared, it's good to know that God is taking care of us. And, sometimes, things aren't what we think they are at all!** Show Unit 1, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for our parents – and other friends – who help us – along the way. – You are in control – and we're glad! – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 3: I have faith that God is in control.

Larry: Hey, Bob! Look what I've got! A new remote control car!

Bob: Very cool

Larry: I can make it go wherever I want it to.

Bob: Sounds like fun.

Larry: Say, Bob. The Bible says that God is in control. Does that mean that God can control whatever I do?

Bob: Well, he could. But he doesn't want to.

Larry: Are you kidding! Being in control is the BEST. I love being in control!
(SOUND OF A SMALL CRASH)

Bob: Umm, Larry...it looks like you sorta lost control...of your new car.

Larry: Maybe I don't like being in control so much after all.

Bob: God doesn't want to control what we do. God wants us to *trust him* that he *is* in control.

Larry: I'm very confused, Bob.

Bob: Well, Larry. God knows everything that happens to us, both now and in the future. So God wants us to have faith that he can see the big picture. Whereas you and I, we can just see what's happening right now.

Larry: Like the fact that my remote control car is smoking.

Bob: Yep.

Larry: But I trust God. But he still let my remote control car CRASH!

Bob: Maybe he did that for a reason, Larry.

Larry: What reason?

Bob: To help teach you that it's a big job to be in control.

Larry: You can say that again.

Bob: How about if we head over to the Veggie Lagoon where we can learn a lot more about it?

Larry: As soon as I pick up the pieces of my car.

Bob: Okay, Larry . . . ahhh . . . good luck with that.



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Stand Up/Stand* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **It's hard to make choices sometimes. Larry has a special way to do it.**
- To transition to video clip, say: **Now we're going to see part of the story of Esther from the Bible in a VeggieTale clip. In the story, the king is trying to harm Esther's family, and she needs to decide what to do to help them.** Show Unit 1, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – we trust you – to help us – do what is right. – Help us – to be brave – when we need it. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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VIDEO CLIP:

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Lesson 4: My faith helps me do what is right.

Prop: a hat with slips of paper folded and placed inside

Larry: Hey, Bob, come and watch! I'm going to pick what I'm going to do today out of a hat!

Bob: Pick what out of a hat?

Larry: I'm picking out what I'll do today. I've put all my choices on paper, folded them up, and now it's time to pick! Then, I'll do whatever the paper says. I can't wait to see what I'm going to get!

Bob: Okay, Larry, what kinds of choices are in your hat?

Larry: Well there's eating fish-flavored yogurt, decorating my Christmas tree, playing horseshoes with the French Peas—they aren't very good at it, you know, so I'm a guaranteed win—and then there's sorting my Okey-Dokey Man cards, or I might pick . . .

Bob: Larry, those all sound fun, but what about helping others? Everything on your list only has to do with having fun.

Larry: Well, sure. What's wrong with that?

Bob: There's nothing wrong with having fun, Larry. But God wants us to spend time helping other people, too.

Larry: But that takes work. Why would I want to work when I can play, Bob?

Bob: It's all about doing what's right. That's what we're going to learn about at the Veggie Lagoon.

Larry: But doing what's right sound like it might not be as fun, Bob.

Bob: Larry, doing what's right might not always be fun, but it makes you feel good on the inside.

Larry: How come?

Bob: Because doing what's right pleases God. And when we please God and we help others, it feels good. It's not really fun—but it's still good.

Larry: I'll give it a try, Bob. I guess I'll have to add some stuff to my list.

Bob: Good idea Larry.

Larry: Hmmm. . . I guess I could help teach the French Peas *how* to play horseshoes for starters. . .



Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Have you ever tried to move a mountain? Larry thinks that he can with some special help.**
- To transition to video clip, say: **Let's watch a VeggieTale clip where Larry is training to be a Sumo Wrestler. He learns that if you keep trying, that means persevere, you can get better at almost anything.** Show Unit 1, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – please help us – to try hard – at everything – we do. – Please help us – do our best. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

Dismiss children to their sites with the *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.



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VIDEO CLIP:

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Lesson 5: My faith helps me to persevere.

Larry: (*Doing sit-ups*) One and two and . . . Hey, Bob, can you spot me over here?

Bob: What are you doing Larry?

Larry: and one and two and three and four. (*to the beat*) Sit-ups, Bob, and three and four. And now jumping jacks! (*jumping*) Up and down and up and down.

Bob: What are you training for, Larry?

Larry: I was just thinking about how strong some of the people in the Bible are. You know, Daniel in the lions' den, David fought that big old giant. I've decided I want to be strong, too. It just takes perseverance. That means to keep on keepin' on! See that mountain over there in the distance? I'm going to move it! I'm going to train every day until I can do it. I am not going to give up.

Bob: Larry, before you train any more, do you remember why Daniel didn't get hurt in the lions' den and how David won against the giant?

Larry: Ummm . . . well . . . beats me. But they must have kept on keepin' on! I bet they had a lot of perseverance! Don't ya think so, Bob?

Bob: Sure, Larry. I'm sure they did. Except that God fought those battles for them. They had a strong, persevering faith, because they believed God could do it for them.

Larry: Do you mean I have a better chance of moving that mountain by asking for God's help rather than by training for it myself?

Bob: Well, something like that, Larry. Let's head to the Veggie Lagoon to find out all about it

Larry: Okay, to the Veggie Lagoon it is. Besides, come to think of it, there really isn't any other place else I'd like to put that mountain anyway.



Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Love Him in the Morning* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Bob is planting a garden today. I wonder what will make it grow . . .**
- To transition to video clip, say: **This is the VeggieTale story of Rack, Shack, and Benny. These three friends stood by Daniel even when he got thrown into the lions' den. Let's see how they trusted God to protect them.** Show Unit 1, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Father in heaven – help us to – always put your first – not other things. – Help us trust you – when we're scared. – Protect all the children – in the world – including those from – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 6: My faith helps me to trust in God.

Larry: Hi, Bob. Can I ask you something?

Bob: Sure, Larry.

Larry: How can I have faith in a God I can't see?

Bob: Well, look up in the sky, Larry.

Larry: (*looks up in sky*) Okay, Bob, I'm looking.

Bob: What do you see?

Larry: I see . . . lots of stars. And the moon. I see a beautiful, full moon.

Bob: Now close your eyes.

Larry: Right-O, Bobbo. Now what?

Bob: What do you see?

Larry: Nothing, silly.

Bob: Do you think the stars are still there, even though you can't see them?

Larry: Of course I do, Bob.

Bob: Well, you can't see God, but you can believe he's there, Larry.

Larry: But I've never seen God, Bob.

Bob: Maybe not, but in the beginning, there was nothing.

Larry: Very good, Bob.

Bob: And God created the earth and the seas out of nothing. He created the stars and the moon. He created the flowers and trees and the grass. God made the animals, and he made you and me. And he made all of that out of nothing.

Larry: Gotcha, Bob.

Bob: Can you see "nothing," Larry?

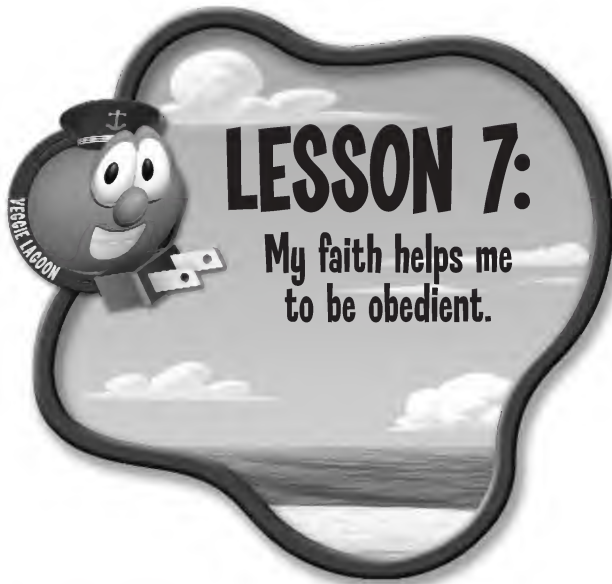
Larry: Nope.

Bob: Yet, look what God made out of it. If God can make all that out of something we can't see, don't you think maybe you can have faith in him? Even if you can't see him?

Larry: I can! I can have faith in him! It doesn't matter if I can see him or not, Bob!

Bob: Good, Larry. Let's head to the Veggie Lagoon and learn more about it.

Larry: After you, Bobbo.



Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Forgiveness Song* on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Do we need to make up our own rules to live by? Or did someone else already decide? Let's check in with Bob and Larry and see what they think.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **In this video clip, Joshua did just what God told him to do. God told him he could win a battle in an interesting way. Let's watch and see what happens.** Show Unit 1, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **God, thank you – for keeping your promises. – Your way is – the best way. – Help us follow you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 7: My faith helps me to be obedient.

Bob: Hi there, Larry. What are you doing?

Larry: Hi, Bob! I'm making up rules. Rule One: Be nice to all cucumbers. Number Two: Eat lots of snacks. Rule Number Three: Don't ever be grumpy.

Bob: Wow, Larry, those are interesting rules.

Larry: Rule Number Four: Give cucumbers presents every Wednesday and Friday.

Bob: Larry! Why are you suddenly making up these rules?

Larry: Well Bob, the Bible tells us to be obedient, so I thought I'd better make up some rules to obey.

Bob: Larry, God gave us his own rules to obey in the Bible. He gave them to someone really special named Moses. We can learn more about them in the book of Exodus when we visit the Veggie Lagoon.

Larry: Exodus?

Bob: The book of Exodus in the Bible . . . named after Moses' big exodus when he helped to lead God's people out of Egypt.

Larry: They made a big exodus?

Bob: Something like that.

Larry: So I don't have to make up my own rules?

Bob: Not even one, Larry.

Larry: Well then I guess it's time to make our exodus.

Bob: You mean write our own book of the Bible?

Larry: No, Bob. I mean it's time for us to exodus outa here and head to the Veggie Lagoon!



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- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Do you think that it's easy to tell other people about how great God is? Let's see how Bob and Larry try to figure it out.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch what happened one day when Larry's friends hurt his feelings and go to look for him. There's a tree named Palmy who has a special lesson for these friends and for us!** Show Unit 1, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Hebrews 11:1, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – Thank you for teaching us – how to love each other. – Help us remember – that when we love and forgive – we are showing others your love. – Please bring your love – to the children of – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

Dismiss children to their sites with their *VeggieConnections* Shepherds.



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Veggie Lagoon

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Lesson 8: I will share my faith with others.

Larry: (*singing to tune of last two stanzas*) He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

Bob: (*singing*) He's got the little bitty babies in his hands.

Larry: (*singing*) He's got the Veggies and the Snoodles in his hands.

Bob: (*singing*) And the teachers and the students in his hands.

Both: (*singing*) He's got the whole world in his hands.

Larry: Wow, Bob. God must have very big hands!

Bob: Yes, I guess he does, Larry.

Larry: If hands are so important, how come he didn't give us any, Bob?

Bob: Maybe his hands are big enough for all of us, Larry.

Larry: Hey! I bet you're right!

Bob: Isn't it great to know that God has everything and everybody in his hands?

Larry: Sure, Bob! In fact, if he's got the whole world in his hands, shouldn't the whole world know about it?

Bob: That's a great idea, Larry. Let's head over to the Veggie Lagoon where we'll find out ways to tell them!

Larry: I'm already packing my suitcase . . . after the Veggie Lagoon, we've got a lot of ground to cover!

Both: (*their singing trailing off*) He's got the whole world in his hands.

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Welcome the Kids!

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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **What did Larry have for breakfast? Let's find out!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about a little character named Snoodle Doo who thought he wasn't as good as the other Snoodles. His Creator tells him just what he thinks of him.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – You're our Creator – and you love us – just the way we are! – Thank you! – In Jesus' name, amen.**

Dismiss children to their sites with their *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.



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Bob and Larry Puppet Skit /

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Lesson 1: God knows me; I want to know him.

Larry: Hey, Bob, I heard that God knows all about me.

Bob: Yes, Larry, that's true. God knows all about us because he created us.

Larry: Does he know I have a string collection?

Bob: Yes, he does.

Larry: Does he know that I dream of being an astronaut!

Bob: Well, sure.

Larry: Does he know I had liverwurst for breakfast?

Bob: I suppose so. (*getting a little impatient with so many questions*)

Larry: Does he know how many hairs are on my head?

Bob: Larry, you don't have any hair! . . . But if you did, he would know how many you had.

Larry: Wow! God's really smart! And I don't know nearly enough about him!

Bob: Well, Larry, that's how lots of us feel. That's why we're heading to Snoodleburg.

Larry: I wonder if he collects string, too . . .

Bob: I don't know, Larry.

Larry: Do you think God likes jokes?

Bob: I would think so.

Larry: I bet he'll like this one. Why did the chicken cross the playground?

Bob: I don't know, Larry, why?

Larry: To get to the other slide!

Bob: Oh boy. (*groaning*)

Larry: Do you think God likes liverwurst?

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Welcome the Kids!

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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Larry wants to talk to God by calling him on the telephone. Bob will explain to Larry that there's an even easier way to talk to God. Let's see what he has to say.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch a video clip about a boy named Patrick who wanted to know God's plan for him. Listen for how many times a day he prayed to God to get an answer.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – Thank you for listening – to our prayers. – I know you love us. – We love you too. – Help us share your love – with the children of – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Snoodleburg

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Lesson 2: Connect with God through prayer.

Larry: *(in hushed voice)* Hey boys and girls, I'm going to call God! *(sound of eleven digits punched into a phone)*

Bob: *(entering)* Larry what are you doing?

Larry: I've got a problem and Junior Asparagus told me to talk to God. So I'm going to give him a call!

Bob: Oh Larry, hang up that phone. There's easier ways to talk to God.

Larry: Really? Like how? Walkie talkies?

Bob: No Larry.

Larry: E-mail?

Bob: Larry, when we want to talk to God, we pray to him. Prayer is taking the time out to just think about and talk to God.

Larry: Okay, Bob. How do you do it?

Bob: Well, let's see. You start by folding your hands.

Larry: But I don't have hands, Bob!

Bob: Umm . . . eh . . . good point. Well, folding your hands is just a good way to help you concentrate. It keeps your hands from being busy doing something else. How about if you just close your eyes?

Larry: I can do that. But, I don't know what to say. Should I tell him when I don't feel good or when I'm sad?

Bob: Those are good ideas.

Larry: Or how about when I want my very own Moby Blaster? Or a new rubber ducky? Or maybe even a rubber chicken?

Bob: Ummm . . . God wants to know everything you want to talk to him about. But he's not a magic genie. He loves you. So he wants to have a relationship with you as your Father in heaven. That's why we're going to Snoodleburg.

Larry: I can't wait to go! So, Bob, what do you talk to God about?

Bob: Well, I tell him about my day, what I'm worried about, and what I'm thankful for. You can do that to. What are you thankful for Larry?

Larry: I'm thankful for you Bob!

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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Help Me Listen* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Listening to God is very important. I sure hope that Larry can hear well today!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about St. Patrick and how he not only prayed to God, but he remembered to *listen* too. He wanted to know what God wanted him to do.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **God, we know – that you answer – our prayers. – Help us hear – what you have – to tell us. – Thank you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 3: Connect with God by listening to him.

Larry alone facing sideways wearing scarf and earmuffs, humming VeggieTales theme song.

Bob: *(enters)* Larry, why is it so cold in here?

Larry: *(turns and faces forward)* Oh, Hi B-B-B-B-Bob!

Bob: *(looks around a little)* Larry, the freezer door is open!

Larry: Wh-what B-bob? The cheeser store is op-p-pen?

Bob: Larry, you're so cold, I think you're having trouble hearing.

Larry: Your d-drink is disappearing?

Bob: *(emphatically)* You're not listening!

Larry: I'm glistening!?! Well th-thank you, Bob.

Bob: I give up! Kids, Larry will never know what I'm saying if he doesn't listen. When you go to Snoodleburg, you'll find out how important it is to listen to God!

Larry: Hey, Bob, wanna popsicle?

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- Lead children in the *You Are the One* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **We can worship God by telling others how wonderful he is.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's the story of Jonah who got stuck in the belly of a whale. In the VeggieTale version, let's see who God sends to help him.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – We know you are – a God of Love! – You give us – another chance – when we need it. – Thank you! – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 4: Connect with God through worship.

Larry: Hey, Bob, you know what's really great?

Bob: No, Larry, what's really great?

Larry: God is great!

Bob: That's right, Larry, God IS great. That's why we . . .

Larry: God is really, really great!

Bob: Yes, he is. That's why we have planned . . .

Larry: When I say great, I mean really, really, really, grrrrrrrrrrreat!

Bob: No doubt about it, Larry. Boys and girls at Snoodleburg you're going to...

Larry: More than just "no doubt about it," Bob. But really super-duper double great!

Bob: Okay, Larry, I think we get the idea. Now kids, about Snoodleburg. It's pretty great, too. Because there you're going to learn about . . .

Larry: I'm glad you agree, Bob. (*singing to the tune of Rock around the Clock*) God is great! God is good! Let us thank him for our food, we're gonna thank him morning, noon, and night, we're gonna thank our God, he's outa sight, all right—two-three-four, amen!

Bob: Amen. Now, Larry, I need to talk to the kids about worshipping God...

Larry: That's what I've been doing, Bob!

Bob: (*pausing*) Gee, Larry, I guess you have! Thanks!

Larry: You're welcome, Bob. Now . . . let's try that one more time, together this time...okay?

Bob: Well, I'll try . . .

Larry: You too, kids! Chime in!

Bob and Larry: (*singing*) God is great! God is good! Let us thank him for our food, we're gonna thank him morning, noon, and night, we're gonna thank our God, he's outa sight, all right—two, three, four, amen!

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- Lead children in the *The B.I.B.L.E.* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **The Bible is a wonderful book! Let's see how Bob and Larry connect to the Bible.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Bob and Larry are good at working things out together. They know to rely on God's Word in the Bible everyday to help them out. Let's see another example . . .** Show Unit 2, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for teaching us – something new every-day. – Thank you for – your Word in the Bible – that helps us know – what to do. – Help us remember – the children from – *Compassion International*. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 5: Connect to God through the Bible.

There are lamps of various sizes around the Countertop area, all turned on, and various slippers lying next to each one.

Bob: Why are all these lamps turned on? And what are all these slippers for?

Larry: Well, I read in the Bible that God's Word is supposed to be a lamp to my feet. I don't have feet, Bob. So I thought if I wore slippers, God wouldn't notice.

Bob: Larry, God knows you don't have feet.

Larry: Really? Oh no! Does that mean God's Word can't be a lamp to my feet?

Bob: Larry, that just means that *God* wants to light your way . . .

Larry: Light my way? God is going to light my way? But I have all these nifty lamps. I got all different kinds. I even have this one lamp, named Lampy. He's the best. I wanted to make sure I would have whatever works!

Bob: Well these are nice lamps, Larry. But you don't really need them.

Larry: Really? Not even a reader's light? I could go to the bookstore and get one of those!

Bob: No, Larry. God's Word *IS* the lamp. And he lights our way every day. He tells us what we should do and where we should go. Speaking of which, maybe we better get going to Snoodleburg where we can learn more about that.

Larry: Wait! Now I get it! I don't have to carry a lamp around with me when I want to read my Bible! I am so relieved.

Bob: Oh, why is that?

Larry: I don't think I have an extension cord long enough for when I go bowling!

Bob: *(stretch out the word)* Right!

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- Lead children in the *THINK—LINK—ACT* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **The Holy Spirit is always with us. Larry has a fun song to listen to today that tells us how he feels about the Holy Spirit.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **When we have questions for God, the Holy Spirit helps us know what to do. In this story, Larry is Daniel from the lions' den and he could use some help.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 6 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – that when we have questions – you send – your Holy Spirit – to help us. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 6: Connect to God through the Holy Spirit.

Larry: (*singing*) I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. . . . Bob, I really like that song, *Peace Like a River*.

Bob: Me, too, Larry, but why are you singing it?

Larry: Well, Bob, I was thinking . . . sometimes when I'm scared or alone, I like to remember that the Holy Spirit is with me. Love, peace, and joy like a fountain . . . these are all called Fruits of the Spirit!

Bob: Very good, Larry! Let's go to Snoodleburg where we can learn more about what the Fruits of the Spirit mean.

Larry: Wait a minute, Bob. What if we made up more verses for the rest of the Fruits of the Spirit?

Bob: That's an interesting idea, Larry.

Larry: So we could have (*do this sort of singing the melody*) I've got patience like a duck pond, I've got patience like a duck pond, I've got patience like a duck pond in my soul . . .

Bob: That's OK, I guess . . .

Larry: I've got kindness like a kiddie pool, I've got kindness like a kiddie pool . . .

Bob: Hmmmm . . . interesting.

Larry: I've got goodness like a gurgling sink . . .

Bob: OK, Larry!

Larry: Or faithfulness like a waterfall. I've got gentleness like a bird bath in my soul!

Bob: I think we've got the idea, Larry.

Larry: (*deflated*) Fine, Bob. (*walking away*) I've got self-control like a sprinkler in my soul!

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Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Stop and Go with Mercy* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **When we have a problem, God wants us to come to him. I wonder how Larry and Bob bring their problems to God?**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Kids did you ever have a problem you needed help with? God's interested in all of our problems whether they're big or small. Let's hear about one of Larry's little problems . . . with his hairbrush.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

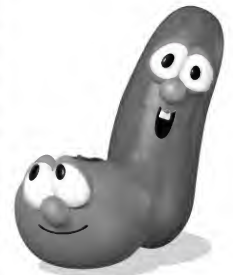
- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God, – Thank you for – helping us – with all our problems. – You care about – every hair on – our heads. – You're amazing! – In Jesus' name, amen.**

Dismiss children to their sites with their *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.



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Lesson 7: Connect to God by letting him help me solve my problems.

Larry: Hey, Bob, remember how God helped me with that problem I had last week?

Bob: Yes, Larry, God really helped you that time!

Larry: I am so happy that God helped me solve my problem. Everybody should know that God can help them. I'm going to make a website for God so everybody can call on him for help. I'll call it www.God.com. People can log on and write their problem there. Then God can answer them by sending them an e-mail.

Bob: Larry, you don't need to do that. God doesn't need to use e-mail.

Larry: But a website with cool graphics would be really neat. I could add music, and great tabs that lead to even cooler pages, and . . .

Bob: Larry, you're not listening. God does not need a website or e-mails. People can talk to him themselves by just praying to God. And God can help them to solve their problems without ever having to write an e-mail.

Larry: I just thought something in writing might be helpful.

Bob: And you were right, Larry! That's why God gave us the Bible to read. It's like an instruction guide filled with all sorts of his answers to whatever we want to know.

Larry: I bet there aren't any nifty internet games in it.

Bob: Well, no. But it's got some nifty stories in it. Like a guy who builds a huge boat and gets two of every kind of animal to come on board.

Larry: That sounds *kinda* cool.

Bob: And there's a story about a guy who parts a big sea so God's people could get to the other side before the bad guys could get them.

Larry: Go on, this sounds like pretty good stuff.

Bob: How about if we head to Snoodleburg where we'll hear all about the Bible?

Larry: OK, Bob. That sounds like a good idea. I can't wait to hear more. But I still like to play on the computer.

Bob: That's OK, Larry. I think you can get a copy of the Bible on a computer disk.

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Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *God Connection* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Bob and Larry have a very big job to do today. Maybe we can all share some of their responsibility.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about King George. He was being selfish and greedy. Thankfully, a wise man came to teach him a lesson.** Show Unit 2, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 7:7, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you, God, – for our teachers – and our parents – who help us learn – important lessons. – And God, – please bless the children – of Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 8: Connect to others with God's help.

Larry: Bob, I have something very important to ask you.

Bob: Sure, Larry, what's up?

Larry: Does God love everybody?

Bob: Sure, Larry.

Larry: Does he love that bully, Ralph the Rhubarb, who is always picking on me?

Bob: Yes, Larry, he loves Ralph, too, even though Ralph picks on you.

Larry: Does he love the Queen of England?

Bob: Yep.

Larry: Does he love tap dancers?

Bob: Right down to their tapping toes.

Larry: Does he love Eskimos in Alaska?

Bob: Yes, he loves them just as much as the natives in the rain forest.

Larry: Does he love girls with purple and green freckles?

Bob: Of course, Larry. How about if we head over to Snoodleburg? I think they'll tell us about God's love there.

Larry: Does God love the man in the chicken suit at the restaurant across town?

Bob: Every feather!

Larry: Does he love people who don't love him back?

Bob: Yes, God still loves them, too.

Larry: Wow! We should tell them. Who wouldn't want to know THAT?

Bob: I think you might be onto something Larry.

Larry: Me too, Bob. Me too.



Welcome the Kids!

- Choose an Arrival Activity found on page 2.
- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *You Are the One* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **There are many people who love us. God loves us so much, even more than chocolate cake!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch a video clip that has a special song that reminds us about how much God loves us.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – Thank you for loving us – so much that – you sent your Son Jesus. – He died for us – to give us – life everlasting. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Bob and Larry Puppet Skit / Unit 3: The Love Connection

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Lesson 1: God is love.

Bob is looking at a chocolate cupcake when Larry comes in.

Larry: Hi, Bob! What are you doing?

Bob: I was just about to enjoy this cupcake, Larry.

Larry: Oh, I loooooove cupcakes, Bob!

Bob: I know what you mean, Larry.

Larry: I love my ducky, too.

Bob: Larry, did you know that as much as you love cupcakes and your ducky, God loves YOU even more?

Larry: He does?

Bob: Sure he does, Larry. God loves everyone! And he wants to have a good relationship with everyone he created, too.

Larry: Relationship? Gee, Bob, that's a big word. What does it mean?

Bob: That's a good question, Larry. Picture this, IF we had arms we could link them together, right?

Larry: I suppose so, Bob.

Bob: Well the kids have arms and they can link them together. When you link your arms together it makes a connection. That's sort of what a relationship is like—it's a connection! A good connection might be a friendship, like you and me. We're connected together as friends. We can be linked to our moms and our dads . . . to our grandparents . . . to lots of people! God doesn't want us to forget him in all those connections!

Larry: Wow, Bob. That's kind of neat. So having a relationship with God is all about connecting to him?

Bob: Yep! God wants us to connect to him in lots of ways! Put them all together, and pretty soon you'll have a pretty good relationship with him, too!

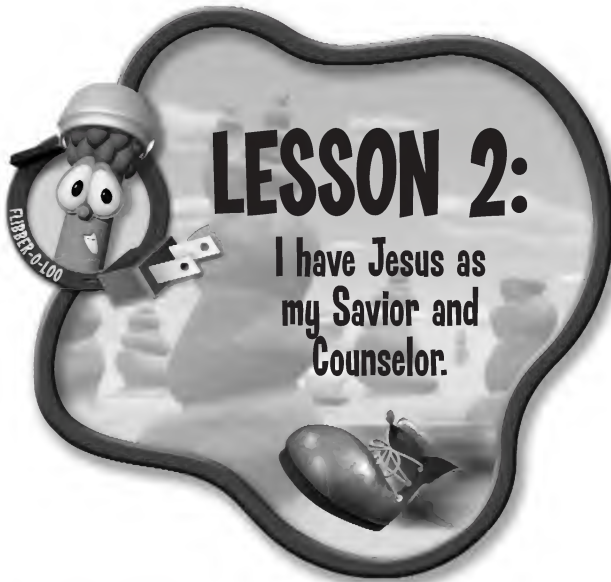
Larry: Sounds electrifying!

Bob: I'm not sure if it's that kind of a connection Larry . . . maybe we better head over to Flibber-o-loo to find out more about what it means.

Larry: Okay, Bob. Right after you and I make a connection . . .

Bob: You and I?

Larry: You betcha....you, me, and this cupcake!



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- Lead children in the *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God has a wonderful gift for us all. Let's watch as Bob shares it with Larry.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **In this clip, Bob and Larry have had a terrible day, and they're trying to look at the bright side of things. Junior Asparagus has a song to help.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for loving us – all through out the day. – Thank you for – the Holy Spirit – who is with us always. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 2: I have Jesus as my Savior and Counselor.

Bob and Larry are wearing party hats and sitting among streamers.

Bob: Wow! The Peas sure do know how to polka. And the Gourds are the best break dancers I've ever seen. We should do that more often.

Larry: I agree. But I'm not so sure Mr. Lunt would like that very much.

Bob: Why not? The party was for him!

Larry: Ya, but he turned another year older. You know how some people are about getting older.

Bob: Well sure, Larry. But Mr. Lunt didn't seem to be worried about that at all.

Larry: That's true. Do you think it was all an act, Bob?

Bob: Of course not! Mr. Lunt had a very nice time!

Larry: Or so we *think* he did! Maybe he really *was* worried about it underneath that squinty eyes. For example, I worry about things, Bob.

Bob: What are you worried about, Larry?

Larry: Well, for one thing, I'll never get to sleep tonight. Tomorrow is a spelling bee, and I still don't know how to spell "existential."

Bob: That's a big word! You're going to have to spell "existential" at your spelling bee?

Larry: Probably not, Bob. But what *if* I have to spell it?

Bob: Larry, I think maybe . . .

Larry: And what if they ask me to spell "voracious?"

Bob: Larry!

Unit 3, Lesson 2 (cont.)

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Larry: And what if I forgot to invite someone to Mr. Lunt's party? Think of the trouble I'll be in tomorrow!

Bob: Larry!

Larry: What is it, Bob?

Bob: I think you're forgetting about a present that God has for all of us.

Larry: I think Mr. Lunt opened all the presents tonight, Bob.

Bob: There's one present that doesn't need opening, Larry. It's called the Holy Spirit. It's a gift to us from God and his Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps to watch over us. The Holy Spirit helps us when we worry about things. He helps us know what we should do.

Larry: That's wonderful news, Bob!

Bob: So instead of worrying about everything, just remember to ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Larry: I will! I feel much better already. But I sure hope the Holy Spirit knows how to spell "existential."

Bob: Oh dear. Larry, we better head over to Flibber-o-loo where we can learn more about that.

Larry: Okay, Bob. In the meantime, I have a feeling I have more studying to do.



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- Lead children in the *Stop and Go With Mercy* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **We have many great teachers in the room with us today. Bob and Larry would like to tell us about the greatest teacher of all.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **I think Larry looks good green. Don't you kids? Let's watch a story of a family at a little girl's birthday. They don't have very much. Let's see how they feel about that.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – we love you – and we thank you – for everything you give us. – We're sorry – when we ask – for too much. – Help us share – with the children from – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 3: I have Jesus to teach me how to love.

Larry: (*Larry sings to the tune of ABC song*) AEIBFJC, GKDHL . . .

Bob: Larry, what are you singing?

Larry: You know Bob, it's the alphabet song.

Bob: Larry, that's not how it goes.

Larry: Sure it does, Bob. All of those letters are in the alphabet.

Bob: They're the right letters, Larry, but the wrong order. You know, sometimes it's not enough just to have the information. You also need a teacher to make sure you get the information right. Have you ever had a really great teacher, Larry?

Larry: Mr. Lunt! He taught me a really cool cheeseburger song once.

Bob: Nope. It's not Mr. Lunt.

Larry: Archibald! He's really smart! Just ask him!

Bob: No, I'm not talking about Archibald either. The greatest teacher in the world is Jesus. He doesn't teach you to sing the alphabet or how to tie your shoes. He teaches you something even more important. He teaches us how to love.

Larry: Wow! That does sound important.

Bob: How about if we head over to Flibber-o-loo to find out all about it?

Larry: Sure, Bob. But before we go, can you teach me something?

Bob: Maybe, Larry. What do you want to know?

Larry: Can you teach me how to be a tomato?

Bob: Ummm . . . I think you should stick with being a Cucumber, Larry. It works for you.



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- Lead children in the *The B.I.B.L.E.* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Sometimes we forget that Jesus loves us, but his love for us is always, all day and night long.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story of some Veggie characters having bad luck at Christmas time. Let's see what happens.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Father in heaven – help us know – how to teach – other people about – your love. – Thank you for – your Son Jesus. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 4: I have Jesus as my daily source of love.

As Bob enters, Larry is sitting and staring at a clock, humming the tune to Jesus Loves Me.

Bob: Larry, why are you staring at that clock?

Larry: I'm thinking about Jesus.

Bob: What does thinking about Jesus have to do with that clock?

Larry: I'm thinking about how Jesus loves everybody all day long. He loves everybody at one o'clock, at two o'clock, at three o'clock at four o'clock, at five o'clock . . .

Bob: (*Interrupts Larry*) I think I gotcha, Larry. Jesus loves us all the time!

Larry: Right, Bob. He loves everybody when I get up in the morning and have breakfast with my Cebú. He loves everybody when I have my Mexican hat dance lessons. He loves everybody when I'm looking for my hairbrush. He even loves everybody when I'm watching my favorite television show with Barbara Manatee.

Bob: Great, Larry. Jesus loves us no matter what we're doing! He loves us all the time!

Larry: He sure does, Bob. Do you want to go to Flibber-o-loo with me to find out more about what that means?

Bob: I sure would!

Larry: Excellent. I just hope it won't make me late for my hair cut.

Bob: You don't have any hair, Larry.

Larry: Hmm . . . good point. Well I hope it won't make me late for my college courses.

Bob: You're not in college, Larry.

Larry: Gee, another good point. Well I certainly hope it won't make me late for . . .

Unit 3, Lesson 4 (cont.)

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Bob: Larry! You just invited me to go to Flibber-o-loo with you!

Larry: So what's your point, Bob?

Bob: Why are you suddenly worried about being late for something?

Larry: If Jesus loves so many people all of the time, what if he . . . what if he . . . what if he runs out of time when it comes to having enough time to really love me?

Bob: Oh, Larry! You don't ever have to worry about that. Jesus has enough love to go around. Have you ever heard about all the things Jesus has done to show his love for you?

Larry: I suppose so . . .

Bob: Then how about if you come with ME to Flibber-o-loo. I don't want you to have any doubts. When you look at a clock, I want to make sure you know that God's loving YOU at every minute of the day!



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- Lead children in the *Thankfulness Song* on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
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Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Sometimes it's hard to get along with our friends. Larry had a problem with the French Peas, let's see how he worked through it.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch a VeggieTale clip where Junior Asparagus finds out what it feels like when someone makes fun of you. Let's see how he handles this situation.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **God, thank you – for forgiving me when – I do something wrong. – Help me to – forgive others too. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 5: I have Jesus to show me how forgive others.

Place bandages on Larry to show that he's been hurt in several places.

Bob: Wow, Larry, what happened to you?

Larry: I got hurt.

Bob: I can see that, Larry, but how did you get hurt?

Larry: Oh, I uh, was playing with the French Peas. We were building a block tower together.

Bob: How can you get hurt when you're building a block tower with friends?

Larry: Well here's how. Suddenly Pierre wanted to stand on top of the tower. When he jumped up to the top, the whole thing fell down. Kerpow!

Bob: Wow that must have hurt.

Larry: It probably hurt Pierre a little, but I was fine, Bob.

Bob: Then how did you get hurt, Larry?

Larry: Nice of you to ask, Bob. Let's see, after the big "kerpow," Jean Claude got angry at Pierre and started throwing blocks. Zip! Zoom! Zowey! They went this way and that!

Bob: Ouch!

Larry: Ouch? They weren't throwing them at you, silly. Anyway, I told him to stop, and then they started throwing blocks at me. All I was doing was trying to help them stop fighting, but they got mad at me instead. Then they started laughing! They thought it was funny! Well it wasn't very funny, Bob.

Bob: Larry, It sounds like you're pretty upset with the Peas.

Larry: Upset? UPSET? Maybe you'd like a demonstration. Then you can make your silly sound effects!

Bob: Larry, have you ever heard the word forgive?

Unit 3, Lesson 5 (cont.)

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Larry: Excuse me? I've got nothing to give for THEM!

Bob: No, Larry, not give *for*. I said *forgive*. You know, Jesus taught about it in the Bible. It means that you're willing to let go of your anger and be friends with them again.

Larry: Oh, FORgive? I don't know, Bob.

Bob: Larry, God wants us to forgive others. Remember he forgives you, every time you ask him.

Larry: Oh, that's right.

Bob: C'mon. Let's head over to Flibber-o-loo where we can learn more about it. I think the Peas are supposed to be there, too.

Larry: Oh OK. Actually, I do kind of miss them.

Bob: I'm sure they miss you, too.



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Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Jesus loves us all and wants us to love our neighbors, the people all around us, as well.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about the Veggies from two different towns who just can't seem to get along. Let's see what happens when one of the Veggies need help.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 6 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

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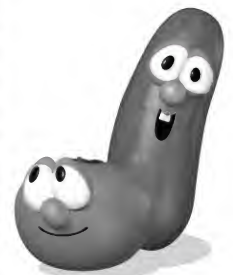
- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – help us to remember – that you love everyone – no matter where – they live. – Help us to – love them, too, – including the children from – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 6: I have Jesus to show me how to love my neighbor.

Bob: What are you doing, Larry?

Larry: Well, Bob, I'm real excited today. I'm starting a Cucumber Club. It is going to be so fun. Anyone who is a cucumber is invited to join the club. The Cucumber Club is going to do all kinds of fun things.

Bob: Oh.

Larry: I just have to find someone to make my brand new clubhouse. Then, anyone who is a cucumber can come over any time they want.

Bob: That's nice, Larry.

Larry: We're going to have fun playing games, writing secret messages, making stuff, you name it. I've even made a special badge and ID card for anyone who joins my club.

Bob: Well, Larry . . .

Larry: Sounds great doesn't it, Bob?

Bob: Yes, but . . .

Larry: I'm sorry you can't join the club, Bob. But it's only for cucumbers.

Bob: Yes, but . . .

Larry: Otherwise I'd really want you to be in the club. But you know how it goes. You're not a cucumber! The Cucumber Clubs' first meeting is tomorrow night. It's going to be great. I'm serving slushes and bringing my checkerboard.

Bob: Larry, can I ask you something?

Larry: Sure, Bob.

Unit 3, Lesson 6 (cont.)

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Bob: Why are you making your club for cucumbers only? You have a lot of friends that aren't cucumbers. What if they want to join your club?

Larry: Gee, Bob, I never thought about that.

Bob: God wants us to love our neighbors . . . all of them. Your club is going to be a lot of fun, but I think there might be a lot of Veggies with hurt feelings if you don't let them join.

Larry: Oh, no.

Bob: Larry, what if I started a Tomato Club and built a really cool clubhouse and I then didn't let you join in?

Larry: Gee, Bob, I'd feel really bad.

Bob: I've got an idea! If you call your new club the Connection Club, anyone can join and have fun and no one will feel left out.

Larry: Thanks, Bob. That's a good idea. In fact, I have the perfect job for you!

Bob: You do?

Larry: Remember when I said I needed someone to build it?



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- Lead children in the *Down in My Heart* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Jesus loves us so much, and it's important to show him how much we love him, too.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a video clip about someone who is having trouble showing love. Mr Nezzer has been being selfish and crabby, that is until now . . .** Show Unit 3, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (*Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.*)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Lord, change our hearts – when we feel sad or grumpy – and help us love you – and others better. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 7: I show my love to Jesus, because he loves me.

Bob: Hi, Larry! How are you today?

Larry: Hi, Bob! I'm wonderful! I love this day, I love the trees outside, I love the birds, I love chocolate bunnies, and I love you, Bob! I love all of my friends! I love chickens, I love cows, I love sardines . . .

Bob: Whoa, Larry! Wow, you sure are full of love today!

Larry: Yes, Bob, I am! Hmmm . . . I love westerns, I love home made maple syrup, I love the feel of a new snowflake on my nose, I love cheese curls . . .

Bob: Excuse me, Larry, but why are you telling me everything that you love?

Larry: Well, Bob, I'm showing my love to Jesus! It's our next lesson at Flibber-o-loo, you know.

Bob: No, I didn't . . .

Larry: I love Flibber-o-loo, Bob! I love Silly Songs! I love my Cebú . . .

Bob: Larry, this is a great list.

Larry: It is, isn't it? And I'm not even done yet!

Bob: Before you go on, though, we don't exactly show our love to Jesus by making a list of the things we love.

Larry: (*shocked*) Bob! Be careful what you're saying!

Bob: Showing our love to Jesus means actually *showing* him how much we love him. It means obeying God's commands. It means remembering to talk to him every day when we pray. It means loving our neighbor. It means remembering to take a day to worship him.

Larry: I always try to do those things, Bob.

Bob: Then you're already showing your love to Jesus!

Larry: I am? Cool beans! But I still love skateboarding, and I love checkers, and I love blowing bubbles in the summertime!

Bob: You can still love all that stuff, Larry. Just remember to thank God for everything when you're done.

Larry: Of course I will, Bob. That's another way to show him I love him!



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- Lead children in the *God Connection* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **What does God mean when he says that he wants us to serve others?**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **It's true that God wants us to SHOW our love for others. Let's hear a Silly Song about Love.** Show Unit 3, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Matthew 22:37-39, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2. (Note: for Preschool, the Unit Memory Verse is shortened slightly to Matthew 22:37, 39.)

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **God, thank you – for loving us – and all the children – of the world. – Help us care – for each other – with your love. – Help us be generous – with the children from – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 8: I show my love to others through service.

Larry: Wow, just look at me. I was out milking the cows and wranglin' the tumble weeds, and I am just covered in dusty particles.

Bob: You must have been in Dodgeball City, Larry! We're supposed to head to Flibber-o-loo!

Larry: Oops. Oh well, can you brush the dust off my back?

Bob: Sure, Larry. *(Bob bumps against Larry once or twice)*

Larry: Hey, Bob, would you sing my favorite song?

Bob: Sure, Larry. *(Bob starts to sing . . .)*

Larry: Hey, Bob, would you mind fixing me some supper? Oh, then dust off my sombrero. Speaking of which, would you also give my rubber ducky a bath?

Bob: Larry! That's quite a list!

Larry: We're going to learn all about showing our love to others by being a servant, Bob. So hop to it! Let's see, where was I . . . Would you bake me a cake and get my slippers for me? And then fix that dog gone fence out in my Cebu's pasture, will ya? Oh! Then run to the store for me. We're all out of rootbeer. While you're there, why don't you pick up some peanuts?

Bob: Larry! I can't do all that stuff.

Larry: *(stunned)* Huh? Why, Bob, you aren't being a very good servant, you know.

Bob: God wants us to be servants so we can show our love to each other, Larry. That doesn't mean we can order each other around.

Larry: Oh. Well that's how you can be a good servant to me, Bob. Aren't you glad you know that now? So where are my slippers?

Bob: Larry, it's not about telling someone how to be a servant for you. That's more like a hired hand.

Unit 3, Lesson 8 (cont.)

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Larry: They have hired hands in Dodgeball City, you know.

Bob: Yes, I know that. But that's *not* what God means by being a servant. God doesn't want us to be hired hands. God wants us to be a servant from our hearts. He wants us to find ways we can make others feel special. He wants us to find ways to make people feel accepted. He wants us to show our love for others . . . on our own . . . without getting a to-do list.

Larry: Oh.

Bob: For example, I know you love slushees. So I stopped by the store and bought you one with my own money. Then I thought I'd take your Cebú for a walk after dinner.

Larry: You got me a slushee? Yum! And you're going to walk my Cebú? He'd really like that Bob. Wow, you sure do know how to be a good servant.

Bob: Thanks, Larry. It's all about putting others first.

Larry: Well you're off to a good start!



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Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God knows what is best for us even though we often try to figure it out ourselves.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Trusting in God means believing God knows what's best. Let's hear the story of Jonah and what message he has from God.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you, God, – for giving us – messages in the Bible. – Help us obey – all of your – commandments. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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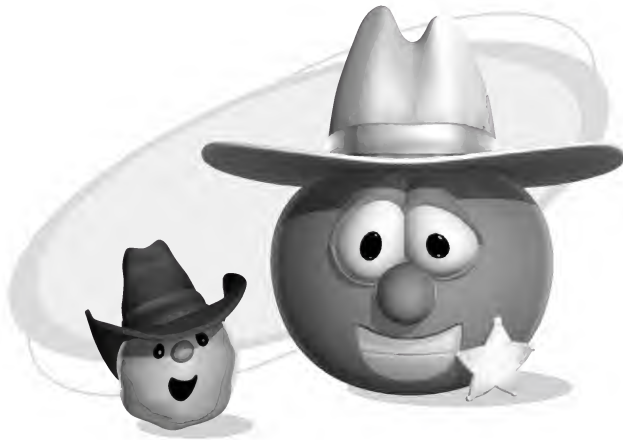
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Lesson 1: God knows what's best for me.

Larry with cowboy props and baseball props. For example, a bandanna and baseball cap or cowboy hat with a baseball mitt nearby.

Larry: (swaying back and forth and singing)

Take me out to the ball game . . .

Home, home on the range . . .

Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks . . .

Where the deer and the antelope play.

Bob: Larry . . . you look like you're having trouble deciding whether you want to be a cowboy or a baseball player.

Larry: Well yes, I love being at the ballpark. You know, peanuts, nachos, slushees. But then there's no place like home on the ranger, either. Me and my cowpokes wranglin' the tumble weeds . . .

Bob: Tough decision, Larry: nacho chips or cow chips.

Larry: I wish God could send me a message to tell me what I should be.

Bob: Larry, he does send us messages, all the time.

Larry: Does he use the Pony Express?

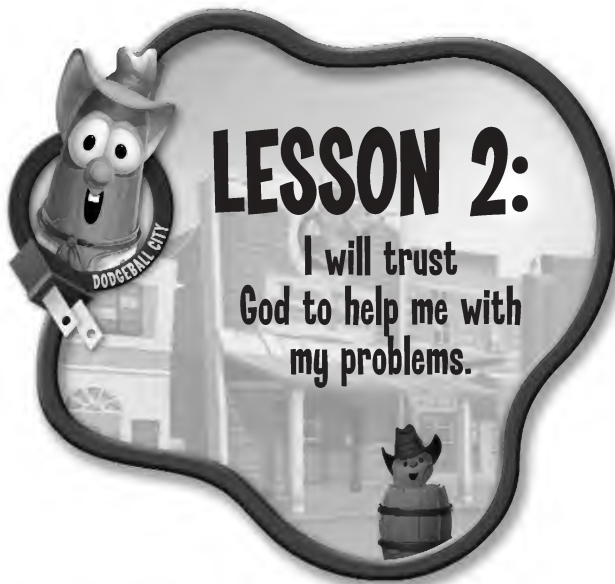
Bob: Not lately.

Larry: The post office? Ma Bell? Or Junior bell, the cell phone?

Bob: Actually, God has lots of different ways to send messages. And he definitely has a plan for each one of us. For now, we just need to trust him to let us know what it is at the right time.

Larry: Okay, Bob, then for now I'll just keep playing ball in the pasture at Dodgeball City.

Bob: Sounds fun, Larry. I think I'll join you. Who knows . . . God just may have a message for us when we visit there today!



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- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Even though we can't see God, he is always there to help us with our problems.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Bob and Larry sure run into all kinds of interesting situations, don't they? Let's see what their latest problem is . . .** Show Unit 4, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God, – thank you for helping us – with our problems. – Help us to remember – to help each other. – Show us – what we can do – for the children from – Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 2: I will trust God to help me with my problems.

Larry is blindfolded.

Larry: Uh . . . Bob! Uh . . . Bob?! Are you here? I can't seeee you!

Bob: Larry . . . I'm here . . . Did you *notice* that you're blindfolded?

Larry: Yeah, Bob. I'm doing an experiment. I wanted to find out what would happen if I wore a blindfold all day today.

Bob: So how's it going so far?

Larry: Well, I couldn't find my bubbles for my bath, I accidentally tried to eat my rubber ducky for breakfast, and Junior Asparagus had to give me a ride here on his scooter because I couldn't see where I was going. But other than that, I'm OK I guess.

Bob: So what did you learn so far, Larry?

Larry: I learned baths are a lot more fun with bubbles, rubber duckies are much more fun to play with, and Junior Asparagus is a great friend.

Bob: I like your experiment, Larry. It shows that you can trust your friends even when you can't see them.

Larry: You know Bob, I was thinking . . . even though I can't see God, I can trust him, too.

Bob: You should, Larry—he'll help you with anything you need.

Larry: Well . . . right now I could use help getting this blindfold off.

Bob: You could also use another bath. You missed a few spots with that blindfold on.



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- Lead children in the *The Forgiveness Song* on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **What would you do if you found a bunch of money? Let's see what Larry decides to do.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **In this next video clip, Larry is called Little Joe and he is tempted to do something wrong. He tries to do the right thing, but let's see what happens.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God, – sometimes were tempted – to do the wrong thing. – Help us be strong. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 3: I will show my trust in God by obeying him.

A big jar filled with change is sitting on the counter. A note is taped to the side away from Larry.

Larry: *(by himself)* Whoa, what's this? A jar filled with pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters? There's a lot of coins here. I wonder where it came from? I mean there's enough money for a whole bunch of candy! And maybe some slushees . . . or if I'm lucky, maybe even a new scooter!

But I probably shouldn't spend it all on myself. I could get Bob a slushee, too.

(thinking) Hmmm . . . then there's all those kids from *Compassion International*. They don't have very much money at all. They hardly ever get stuff like slushees or candy. And they sure don't have scooters.

Hmmm . . . maybe half for them and half for me.

But *Compassion International* sure could do a lot more with this money than I can. They could buy a lot of supplies for children who need it. Or maybe help pay for a doctor if one of them is sick! I'm going to give it all to them! That's exactly what I'm going to do!

Bob: *(enters)* Oh Hi, Larry, I see you got my note.

Larry: Note? What note Bob?

Bob: *(nodding to the note)* The one right here . . . where I asked you to keep an eye on my jar of coins. Thanks, Larry, I knew I could trust you.

Larry: Your jar of money? Oh Bob! I didn't know . . . actually I was thinking of ways I could spend the money, Bob. I'm really sorry!

Bob: Thanks for being honest, Larry. You wouldn't want to spend this money anyway. I'm saving it for the kids with *Compassion International*.

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Larry: Really, Bob? That's so cool! That's what I decided to do with it, too!

Bob: Well good! Then maybe you can run home and break open your own piggy bank!

Larry: Umm . . . you betcha, Bob. I'd like to help out with my own money.

Bob: In the meantime, let's head to Dodgeball City and learn more about how to show our trust in God by obeying him.

Larry: I'm right behind ya, partner!



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- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God is always with us, even when things are hard and we feel badly.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story of Little Joe when he landed in jail. Let's see how he makes the best of a bad situation.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **God, help us – to remember – you are good – and you love us – even when we're having – a hard time. – Thank you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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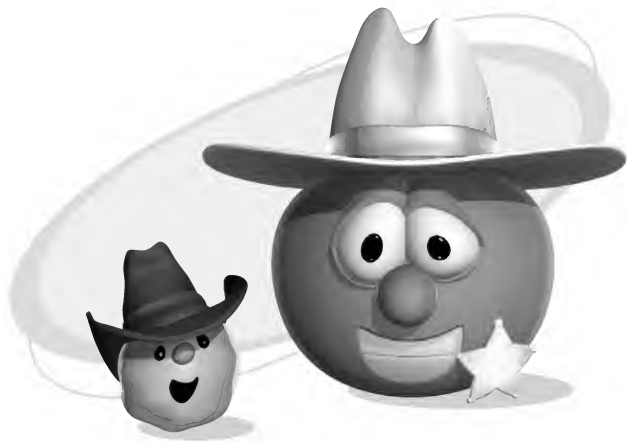
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Lesson 4: I will trust God is with me in hard times.

Larry is sniffling, trying not to cry, sighing.

Bob: Larry, you sound so sad, what's wrong?

Larry: Oh, Bob (*sniffle, sniffle, sigh*), I was so excited to go out and play with the Veggies in Dodgeball City today . . . (*sniffle, sigh*)

Bob: Well, what happened that's got you so upset?

Larry: We were all outside, and we decided to play dodgeball. And, Bob, I just love dodgeball!

Bob: I know, it's lots of fun.

Larry: It is! And I was so excited until, (*sniffle*) we had to pick teams! First Jimmy got picked, then Jerry, then Madame Blueberry, then Junior, then Mr. Lunt, then Laura, then . . . then . . . then nobody picked me!

Bob: I'm so sorry, Larry.

Larry: I felt horrible, Bob, all alone there behind the fence.

Bob: Behind what fence?

Larry: Well not just the fence. Actually it was the pole *behind* the fence.

Bob: What pole behind what fence?

Larry: Well, come to think of it, I was standing behind the cow behind the pole behind the fence. He was lonely, so I was keeping him company.

Bob: That was nice of you Larry, but did you ever think that maybe you didn't get picked because they couldn't *see* you?

Unit 4, Lesson 4 (cont.)

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Larry: Of course I didn't think of that, Bob. If I had, don't you think I would have come out from behind the cow and the pole and the fence?

Bob: I'm not sure how you want me to answer that, Larry.

Larry: Bob! They probably couldn't see me! I never thought of that! That would explain why Laura kept asking everybody where I was! I thought she was just being silly!

Bob: Larry, let's head back to Dodgeball City.

Larry: For another round of Dodgeball?

Bob: Nope. It's time to learn why you can trust God during hard times.



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- Lead children in the *Stop and Go with Mercy* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
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Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **We don't always have the courage we need, but when we depend on God, we can do anything!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **In the VeggieTale story about Esther from the Bible, Esther has a decision to make. She wants to do the right thing, but she's afraid to hurt her friend's feelings.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – help us be brave – and do the right thing – even when it's hard. – Help us to remember – you'll be right by our side. – Thank you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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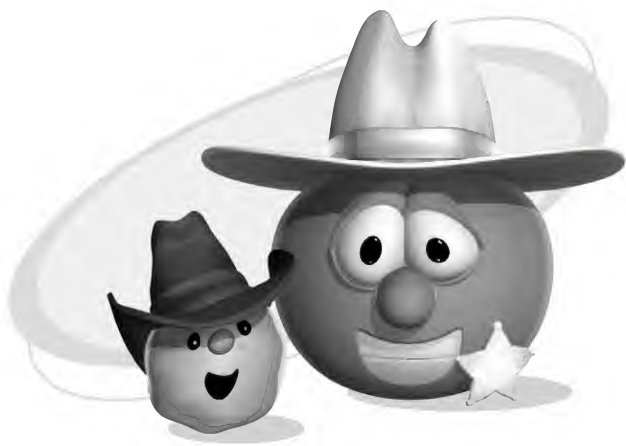
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Lesson 5: I will trust God to give me courage.

Bob, standing alone, clearing his throat.

Larry: *(enters)* Hi, Bob, whatcha doin'?

Bob: Oh, hi, Larry. I'm practicing for my big speech. I'm running for president of the Tomato Toastmasters of Tomorrow society.

Larry: Wanna practice on me, Bob? I could give you a few tips and let you know if I would vote for you.

Bob: Well, all right, Larry. *(clears throat, speaks seriously)* Welcome, my fellow vine-ripened vegetables. I have four very good reasons you should vote for . . .

Larry: *(interrupting)* Uh, Bob, you forgot to start with a joke. You know you gotta catch their attention, get them to like you with a good laugh.

Bob: Oh I don't know, Larry. What if they don't laugh? Then I'll be even more nervous. Besides, I'm not sure I know a good joke.

Larry: Well you've come to the right place. Try this one Bob: What did the hot dog say to the bun during the race?

Bob: I don't know, Larry. What did the hot dog say to the bun?

Larry: Time to "ketchup"? Get it? Catch up—ketchup?

Bob: The Tomato Toastmasters of Tomorrow will *not* find a joke about ketchup funny. Oh dear, I just don't think I'm going to have the courage to give this speech.

Larry: Well, Bob, then I'm going to tell you what you always tell me when I'm scared about something.

Bob: What's that, Larry?

Larry: God is watching over you, Bob. He is all the help you need, whether you're giving a speech to the Tomato Toastmasters of Tomorrow or trying to learn how to ride a bike. There's nothing to worry about when you remember that God loves you very much . . . he loves you just the way you are!

Bob: Thanks, Larry. How could I forget that? Thanks for reminding me, buddy. I feel a lot better!

Larry: No problemo, Bob. Now how about another joke . . .



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Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God wants us to trust him. Our trust will get stronger as our relationship with God gets stronger too.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's hear a story about a man named Zaccheus from the Bible. He learned how to be a friend to Jesus.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 6 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you, Jesus, – that like Zaccheus – you want to be – our friend, too. – Please help us – welcome you into – our hearts. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 6: I will strengthen my trust in God by building my relationship with him.

Larry: (*calling out*) Bob, Bob! Did you see the flyer for the gourds' Ping-Pong tournament this weekend at Dodgeball City? I love Ping-Pong. Bob . . . did you see it?

Bob: (*unenthusiastically*) Yes, Larry, I saw the flyer.

Larry: Let's go practice, Bob. We'll be partners!

Bob: Oh no, Larry, Ping-Pong is *not* my game.

Larry: What do you mean it's not your game? *Everyone* loves Ping-Pong! It's like water buffalos and baby kangaroos—everybody loves them too. C'mon, we'll play Ping-Pong, and you can be my partner!

Bob: Actually, Larry, I'm *really* not very good at Ping-Pong. To tell the truth, I usually ping when I should have ponged, *and* I tend to bruise easily.

Larry: Bob, I'll teach you. Just trust me and we can't go wrong. Win or lose we'll still have fun. And here's a plan if you're worried. You pong, and I'll ping.

Bob: OK, Larry, I'll trust you. I'm glad we're in this together.

Larry: It's all about being friends, working together and having fun, Bob. Just like with God. He wants to be our friend and wants us to get to know him so we can trust him, too! Now, I forget, are you right-handed or left-handed?

Bob: (*emphatically*) Larry . . .



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **It's fun to make plans for our days. God already has a plan for each of us!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **This next story is about Daniel in the lions' den. Let's see how Daniel trusts God's plan and God protects him.** Show Unit 4, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you, God, – for taking care of us – even in hard times. – Help us trust – in your plan. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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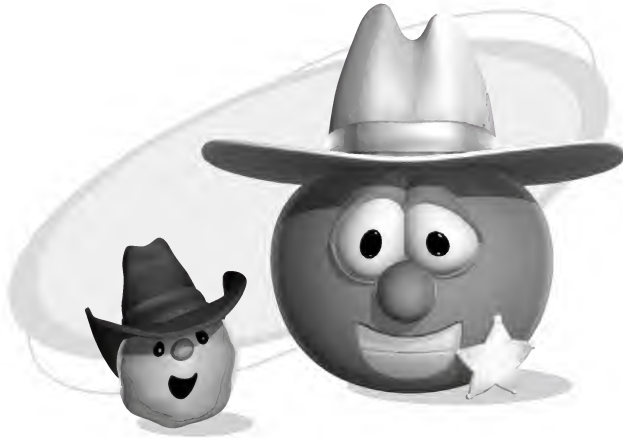
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Lesson 7: I will trust in God's plan.

Larry: *(with pencil behind "ear")* Hi there, Bob! Come and see my plan.

Bob: Hi, Larry! Are you practicing to be an architect?

Larry: No, no, Bob, I'm not planning a building. I'm planning my life!

Bob: You're planning you're entire life?

Larry: Most of it. So far I've gotten all the way through tomorrow afternoon.

Bob: You have a long way to go then!

Larry: You think so, Bob?

Bob: Well, that's not exactly for me to say.

Larry: No? Well could you let me know about tomorrow afternoon then?

Bob: Actually, that's not for me to say, either!

Larry: Why not?

Bob: Well, Larry, God is the only one who has a plan for your life. He loves you and knows everything about you. All you have to do is spend time talking to God and listening to him, and he will make his plan known to you!

Larry: He will?

Bob: Yes, Larry, you can trust God with his plan for your life.

Larry: Even tomorrow afternoon?

Bob: Well . . . sure. Even tomorrow afternoon.

Larry: Gee, I thought you could answer that question.

Bob: No, Larry. I thought you understood what I was saying. Let's head over to Dodgeball City. They're going to help us learn how we can trust in God's plan.

Larry: Oh, I understand that, Bob. I just wanted to know if you wanted to go for ice cream with me tomorrow afternoon.

Bob: Oh . . . heh . . . heh. Sure, Larry. I'd love to have ice cream with you tomorrow.

Larry: Great! I'll put you down for that right now.



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- Lead children in the *God Connection* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **We can show our love to God by acting in a good way. Larry is a bit confused on this, let's see what he ends up doing.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch what happens when Little Joe meets up with the brothers who sold him as a slave. Do you think he'll help his brothers in their time of need?** Show Unit 4, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Romans 15:13, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – help us forgive others – and help those – in need. – Help us find ways – to care for others – around the world. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 8: I will show my trust in God to others.

Larry: Hey, Bob, have you got a radio?

Bob: Yes, I do.

Larry: Well, turn it on next week. I think I'm gonna be on the air!

Bob: You're kidding. How did you manage getting on the radio?

Larry: Well, I'm auditioning next week in a country music talent search. I've already got my boots and a big belt buckle.

Bob: Uh, Larry. You sing country-western music?

Larry: Actually, I just started—right after I got my boots and my belt buckle. You see, Bob, God wants us to show our trust in him to others! I thought I could do that country-western style by singin' on the radio. I wrote my own song. Wanna hear it?

Bob: Well . . . OK.

Larry: *(Clears throat and sings in twangy, country-western voice)* Welllllll, I got me a hound dog and he's got fleas. And God? He loves everybody that he sees.

Bob: Larry!

Larry: What's wrong?

Bob: Are you sure you want to sing about fleas?

Larry: Bob, you gotta have a hound dog with fleas in a country-western song! Just listen to the next verse . . . *(sings again)* I got me a speed car, it's driven by Peas. And God? You can count on him down to your knees!

Bob: Larry, you might want to think about another career option.

Unit 4, Lesson 8 (cont.)

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Larry: But how else can I show others I trust God?

Bob: By the way you live, Larry. You can show how you trust God by how you talk, how you act, and how you treat others. People can see your love for God just by who you are! You don't have to broadcast it on the radio.

Larry: Well . . . I reckon I don't have to be a country-western star. Besides, I've already got a video series kids like. Maybe that's a good start.

Bob: It's a really good start, Larry.

Larry: Hey, Bob? Could you use a pair of cowboy boots and a big belt buckle?



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- Lead children in the *You Are the One* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God's love for us is eternal. That means forever and ever.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **People spend their time in all sorts of different ways. What do you think it would be like if you worked all day at a Chocolate Factory? I mean ALL day . . .** Show Unit 5, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Heavenly Father – Thank you for all – the choices you give us. – Help us to use – the time you give us – the way you want us to. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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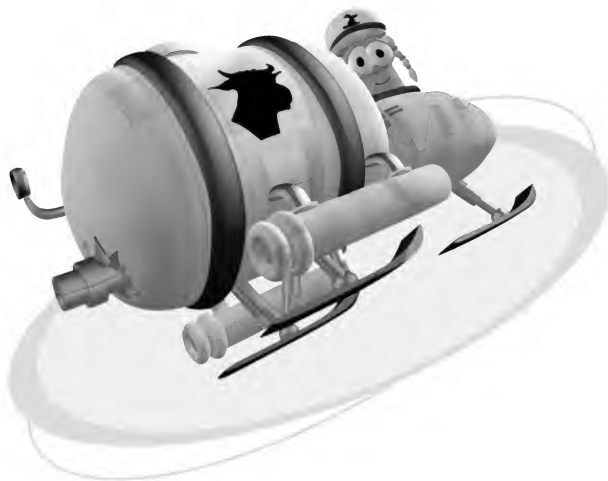
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Lesson 1: God is eternal.

Larry with a thick dictionary out in front of him.

Bob: Hi, Larry. What book are you reading? It sure does look like a big one! Is it *The Adventures of Huckleberry Henry*? Or maybe the *Tales of Mark Turnip*?

Larry: Nope.

Bob: Oh I know, it's the Bible!

Larry: Wrong again, Bob. Hold on, I'm almost done . . .

Bob: Done? You're kidding? You're almost done reading that entire book?

Larry: Not the entire book, Bob. The entire definition. I'm reading the dictionary.

Bob: Oh! Of course. It would take you *forever* to read the dictionary.

Larry: That's funny, Bob, that's just the word I was just looking up . . . forever. My teacher says that God will love me forever, and I wanted to know how long forever is.

Bob: Well, Larry, you know how long it takes for you to tell a story?

Larry: Yes Bob.

Bob: It's longer than that.

Larry: Wow! That's pretty long.

Bob: Do you remember how long it took you to find your hairbrush that one time?

Larry: Everybody keeps singing about it!

Bob: Well, it's longer than that too.

Larry: That's a long time, too, Bob.

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Bob: That's right, Larry. Can you imagine how long it would take for you to eat a million, trillion chocolate bunnies made by the Chocolate Factory? 'Cuz forever is longer than that, too.

Larry: Wow, Bob, forever IS a long time. And your definition is much better than the one I read in here.

Bob: Well thanks, Larry!

Larry: You're welcome, Bob. It sure makes me feel good to know that God's love is forever. But there is just one thing I want to point out . . .

Bob: That God's love never ends?

Larry: Well that, too. What I wanted to say was eating that much chocolate would make me sick, Bob.

Bob: Yes, Larry, eating that much chocolate would make anyone sick. But don't think about that when we head to the Chocolate Factory. It's supposed to be fun!



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- Lead children in the *Love Him in the Morning* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Would you like to be stuck to your good pal all of the time? I wonder what Bob and Larry would do if they were stuck together?**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Junior Asparagus, Larry, and Bob are Rack, Shack, and Benny in this next video clip. Their parents taught them to do the right thing, but their boss Mr. Nezzer wants them to do something else.** Show Unit 5, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

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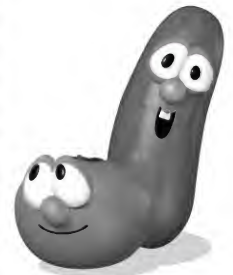
- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you, God, – for our parents – our teachers – and other friends – who help teach us – what to do. – Thank you also – for the gift of – your Holy Spirit – who guides us. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

Dismiss children to their sites with their *VeggieConnections Shepherds*.



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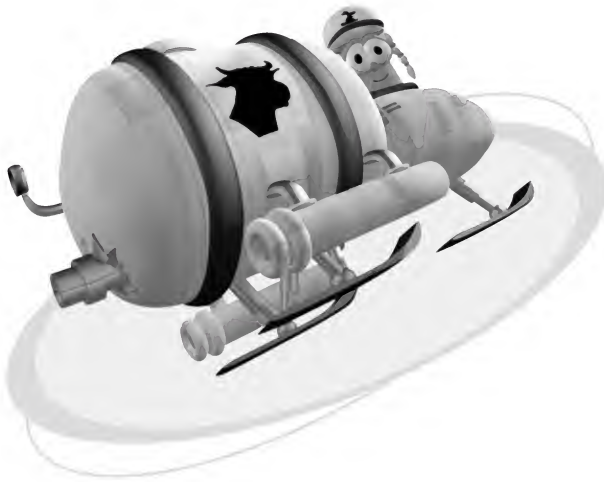
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Lesson 2: God is with me all the time.

Larry: Hey, Bob, we're friends, right?

Bob: Of course, Larry! We're very good friends!

Larry: We like to hang out together, don't we?

Bob: Sure. You're a great guy, Larry!

Larry: Wouldn't it be cool if we could be together ALL the time? Maybe we could get superglued together! Then we could do everything together!

Bob: Well, I don't know . . .

Larry: We could go to StuffMart and shop together . . .

Bob: Uh . . .

Larry: We could go to the movies!

Bob: Well . . .

Larry: We could go visit the puppies at the pet store.

Bob: Yes, but . . .

Larry: We could work on my string collection . . .

Bob: Larry, don't you think we might get tired of each other, being together all the time?

Larry: Well, not really. God is with me all the time, you know.

Bob: Ya, but that's a little different.

Larry: (*offended*) Well I don't see how! Good thing God's not like that . . . God's with us all the time, and I don't hear him complaining!

Bob: Gee, Larry, I'm sorry I hurt your feelings.

Larry: I forgive you, Bob.



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- Lead children in *The B.I.B.L.E.* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God wants to spend time with us and looks forward to that time we have together with him.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Did you ever hear the story of Joshua and the wall of Jericho? Let's see how God helped Josh in the VeggieTale version when he remembered to ask for God's help.** Show Unit 5, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear Father in heaven – thank you for listening – to our prayers. – Help us to remember – to spend time – with you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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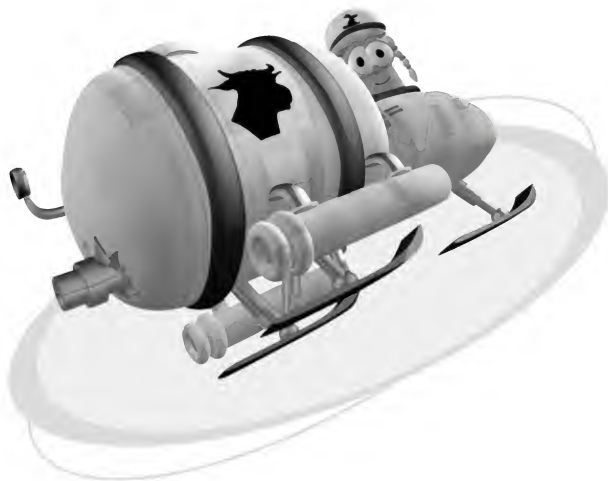
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Lesson 3: I will spend time with God.

Bob: Greetings, everyone! I'm so glad you've joined us today . . .

Larry: (*interrupting*) Hey, Bob, do you have some change I can borrow?

Bob: What do you need change for, Larry?

Larry: Well, I'm going to buy something, and I might need some more change.

Bob: Larry, I'm sorry. I don't have any money. What do you want to buy?

Larry: Time with God.

Bob: Larry, you don't have to buy time with God!

Larry: But my Sunday school teacher said I should SPEND time with God. And I don't know how much it costs!

Bob: Larry, that's just a saying, "spend time." That means we use our time to talk to God, and to read our Bible and listen to him. We don't actually hand over money. We can go to God anytime we want, as much as we want.

Larry: What a relief!

Bob: I'm glad I could help, Larry. Just remember that God wants us to spend time with him every day!

Larry: Gotcha, Bob. And if it doesn't cost any money, I can use my piggy bank money for sponsoring a child with *Compassion International*!

Bob: You sure can! *Compassion International* helps kids who don't have enough money to go to school or go to the doctor or even buy food! They also help kids learn more about Jesus!

Larry: Sounds good to me. I'm going to go home and ask if we can sponsor a child today!

Bob: Great idea. And remember . . . you don't have to spend your money to spend time with God!

Larry: Got it! In that case, I'll talk to him twice as much as I planned!



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Help Me Listen* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **There are many things that we can do with our day. God wants us to think of him when we decide what we are going to do. I wonder how Larry is doing as he thinks of what to do today?**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's learn about how the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert waiting to go to the Promised Land. Can you imagine waiting 40 years for something?** Show Unit 5, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – thank you for – Bible stories about – great leaders like Joshua. – Help us to – listen to you – and go where you say. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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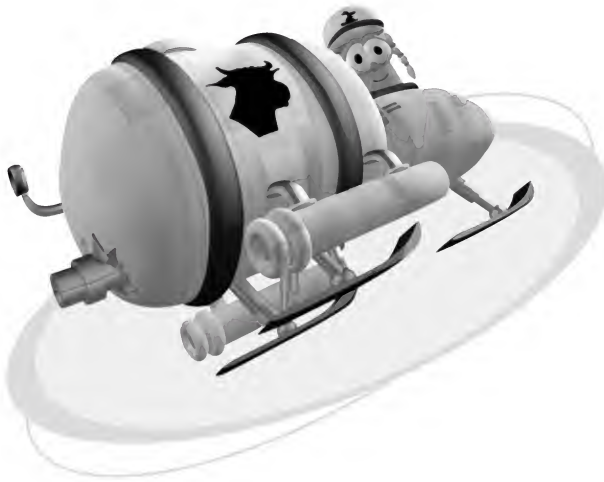
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Lesson 4: I will set godly priorities with my time.

Bob: Hi, everybody! I can't wait to go to the Chocolate Factory!

Larry: (*moans and sighs*)

Bob: What's the matter, Larry?

Larry: I'm so bored.

Bob: How can you say you're bored? There's so much to do! There are so many places to go!

Larry: (*in a ho-hum voice*) Well, I was just trying to decide what to do. I could go outside and watch worms crawl out of the ground . . . or I could watch an ice cube melt on the kitchen counter here . . . or I could count the whiskers on my neighbor's cat . . . or I could watch the clock tick off the seconds . . .

Bob: No wonder you're bored! You need to think of something more important to do than that!

Larry: Like what?

Bob: Find time in your relationship with God.

Larry: What do you mean?

Bob: Make a God connection, Larry! You could read a story from the Bible, memorize a Bible verse, or simply talk to God. Anything to connect with him! Remember, God made you special and he loves you very much!

Larry: Gee, I feel sorta bad. I never thought about spending my time with God.

Bob: That's OK, Larry. You just have to learn how to decide what's important to you.

Larry: God is important to me.

Bob: I know he is, Larry.

Larry: Then let's get going, Bob! Time's a wastin'!



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Thankfulness Song* on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God has a time for everything. It's important that we trust in God's time. Larry had a hard time with his baking project. I wonder what happened?**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **In the next story, God asks Jonah to go someplace he doesn't want to go. Let's see how Jonah feels about that.** Show Unit 5, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – help us to be kind – to everyone – even people who aren't – nice to us. – You love us all. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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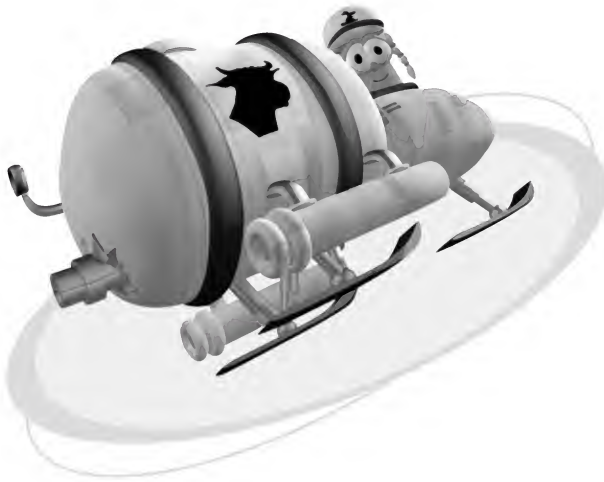
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Lesson 5: I will trust in God's timing.

There is heaping pile of charcoal briquettes on a platter nearby.

Bob: What are you doing with those charcoal briquettes, Larry?

Larry: These aren't charcoal. These are some brownies I burned because I forgot to set the timer for the oven.

Bob: Oh. You know, Larry, timing is important when you bake.

Larry: Gee, thanks for that timely advice, Bob.

Bob: So why do you keep staring at them?

Larry: Well, Bob, I read in the Bible that God makes all things beautiful in his own time. So I'm just waiting for him to turn my burned brownies into beautiful brownies.

Bob: I don't think that's what the Bible was talking about. What the Bible means is that things happen according to God's plan. Things happen in the time that God thinks is best.

Larry: Like when you didn't win the bowling tournament even though you prayed you would?

Bob: Yep.

Larry: But then you won next year when you didn't expect it!

Bob: That's right, Larry!

Larry: So God may not have a plan to turn these brownies into something beautiful?

Bob: It's highly unlikely.

Larry: So these brownies are toast?

Bob: Yes, Larry, they are! Why don't we make a new batch of brownies, and this time let's pay attention to setting the timer!

Larry: Great! Thanks for your timely assistance!

Bob: You're welcome, Larry. Time to go!



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- Lead children in the *THINK—LINK—ACT* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **There are many things to do with the time in a day. Some people like to play sports, instruments, or read books. Let's see what Larry wants to do today.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about a Kindly Viking. Let's see what he does that's different from his other Viking friends who steal.** Show Unit 5, Lesson 6 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – help us to be kind – to others. – We want to use – our time – to do your work. – We love you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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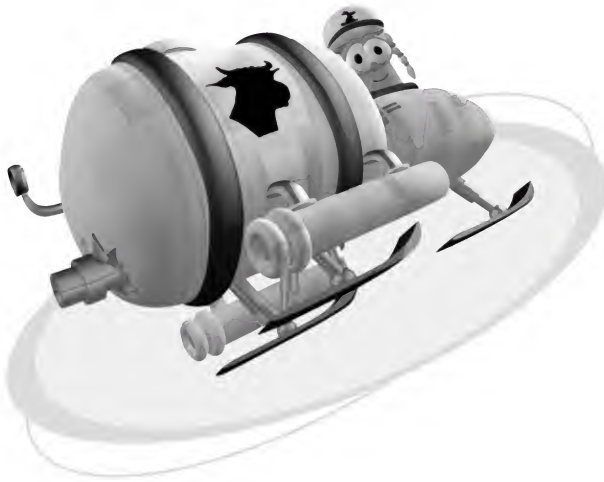
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Lesson 6: I will make good use of my time.

Larry: Hey, Bob, I have a great day planned! I'm going to watch a 12-hour marathon of the Home Shopping for Stuff Network. Then I planned on heading to the laundry mat with Jimmy and Jerry Gourd to watch laundry spin in the dryer! We try to figure out how many food stains came out of their t-shirts before we take them out! Then . . .

Bob: Larry, that doesn't sound like a very good use of your time . . .

Larry: Please don't interrupt me, Bob. Then I'm going to count the cracks in the sidewalk after I watch the paint dry on my neighbor's house!

Bob: Surely there is a better way to spend your time than that.

Larry: But the Home Shopping for Stuff Network is selling Art Bigotti Designer Bowling plates!

Bob: Oooo . . . Art Bigotti, huh?

Larry: Yep!

Bob: (*shakes off thinking about the plates*) Yes, well, er . . . that sounds nice, but wouldn't you rather be doing something to help people, the way that Jesus did?

Larry: Of course I would, Bob!

Bob: But, Larry, God wants us to make good use of our . . . wait a minute! You would rather be doing something to help people like Jesus did?

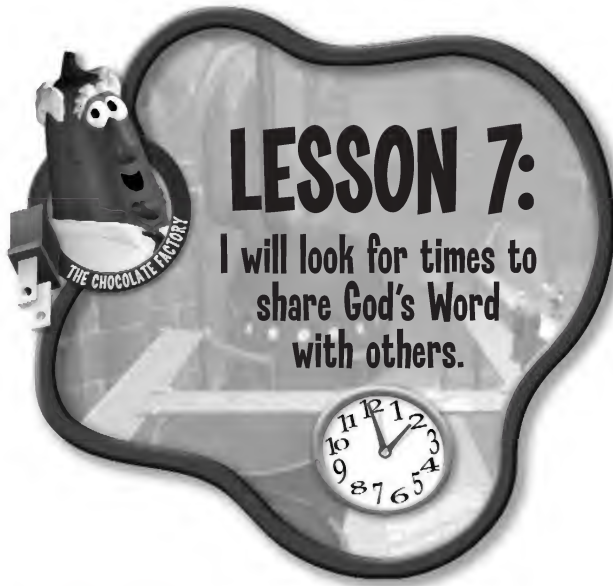
Larry: Yep!

Bob: Then why did you say . . .

Larry: I really had ya going there, didn't I, Bob? Actually, the 12-hour marathon is really a telethon to help sick kids. I'm manning one of the phone lines, Bob! And I'm helping Jimmy and Jerry Gourd *do* their laundry, *because* they get so many food stains on them. I'm also helping my neighbor paint his house!

Bob: Larry! That's really terrific! But what about counting the cracks on the sidewalk?

Larry: Oh c'mon, Bob! Don't take away all my fun! I'm doing that as I head to the Chocolate Factory to make more bunnies for Mr. Nezzzer!



Welcome the Kids!

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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Stop and Go with Mercy* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **When is a good time to share God's Word with other people? Anytime is a good time, that's what Bob is going to help Larry to understand.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about sharing. It's important to share the Good News, but it's also important to share other things. Like how about . . . eggs!** Show Unit 5, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – we want to share – everything you've given us – especially your love. – Please help us – be generous. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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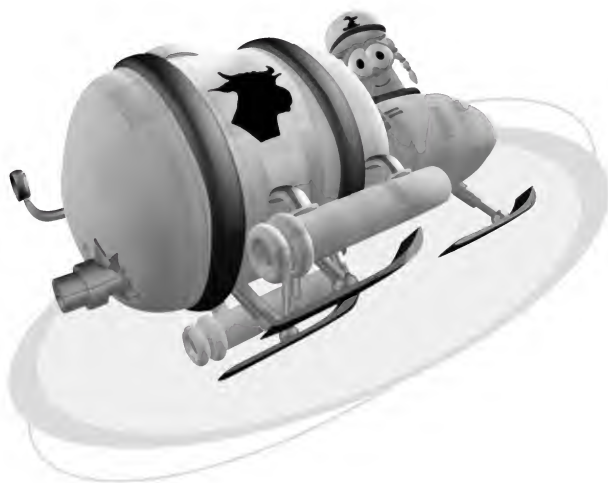
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Lesson 7: I will look for times to share God's Word with others.

Bob: What's the matter, Larry?

Larry: I'm really sad, Bob.

Bob: I'm sorry, buddy. What's the problem?

Larry: I read in the Bible: "Blessed are the feet of them that bring good news."

Bob: That's a really good verse. I don't understand why you're sad, Larry.

Larry: Weren't you listening—"Blessed are the feet." Bob, we don't have feet, so we can't share God's Good News!

Bob: Oh, Larry. That verse is referring to people going out of their way to tell others about God's love for them. It doesn't mean you have to actually have feet. God made us just the way we are, and we can tell people about God, feet or no feet!

Larry: So I *can* share the Good News with people! So for me the verse means, "Blessed are they that bounce to bring good news."

Bob: You got that right, Larry!

Larry: Oh, Bob, that makes me so happy! 'Cuz I want to keep sharing our message that God made you special and he loves you very much!

Bob: I think you just did, Larry!

Larry: How about that!

Bob: And don't forget, God made you special, too!

Larry: And he loves me very much!



Welcome the Kids!

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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *God Connection* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Larry wants to serve Bob as a waiter. There are many ways that we can serve God.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a song that's all about finding the time to help people around us. Maybe it will give you some ideas of who to help.** Show Unit 5, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 90:12, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for showing us who – needs help. – Thank you also – for sending people – to help us – when we need it. – Show us how – we can help the children – from Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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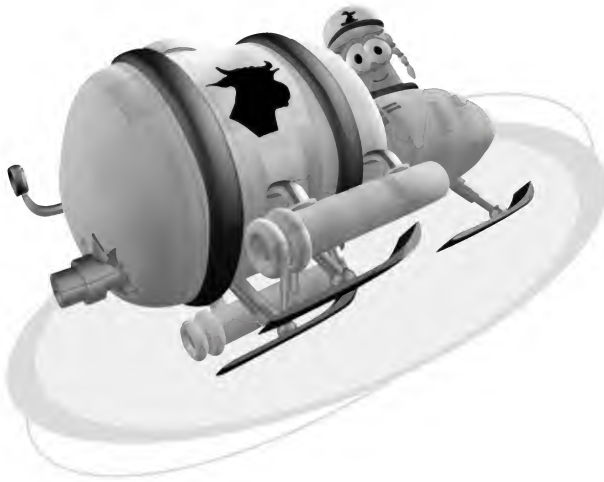
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Lesson 8: I will use my time to serve others.

Larry: May I have your order, sir?

Bob: What?

Larry: May I suggest our special on the menu . . . steak and shrimp?

Bob: Larry, what are you doing?

Larry: I am your server today, sir. Perhaps you might prefer the sushi?

Bob: Umm . . . not really.

Larry: No one is too difficult to please! Maybe you'd just like soup this evening?

Bob: Larry! What are you talking about?

Larry: I hope everything is satisfactory so far. May I get you a soft drink?

Bob: Larry, this isn't a restaurant and you're not a waiter.

Larry: Oh shucks. But I want to serve others, Bob!

Bob: That's great, Larry. There are lots of places where you can help!

Larry: Really? What should I do first, Bob?

Bob: Serving others means looking for ways you can help them. It means following Jesus' example of caring about others.

Larry: But Jesus did miracles! I can't do miracles.

Bob: OK, that's true, but there are other ways you can help!

Larry: But Jesus told wonderful parables. I just sing Silly Songs!

Bob: Larry, I don't mean you have to be exactly like Jesus. I just mean you should follow his example of *being helpful!*

Unit 5, Lesson 8 (cont.)

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Larry: Oh! Now I understand. I can go cheer up Junior Asparagus who isn't feeling well. And I can make friends with the Banana Brothers. They're new in town!

Bob: Now you've got it! Serving others is all about finding ways to help others by following Jesus' example . . . like when he washed the disciples' feet.

Larry: Bob! We have another problem!

Bob: What's that, Larry?

Larry: I can't wash your feet because you don't have feet. Looks like I'm going to have to scrub your nose!

Bob: (*running away*) Larry! Leave my nose out of this!

Larry: (*running after him*) I'm gaining on ya, Bob!



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Down in My Heart* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Program Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **There are many things that bring us joy. God is our true source of joy.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **The next story is the story of David and Goliath. Junior Asparagus is David. He finds joy in being just the size God made him!** Show Unit 6, Lesson 1 video clip.
- Teach James 4:8, the Program Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for every little person. – Help us remember – even if we’re small – we can do big things – with your help. – In Jesus’ name, amen.**

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Bob and Larry Puppet Skit / Unit 6: The Joy Connection

Madame Blueberry's Tree House

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Lesson 1: God is my source of joy.

An electrical cord is set out near Larry.

Larry: Bob, plug me in, will ya?

Bob: Plug you into what, Larry?

Larry: Plug me into God's joy. There's an extension cord right over there!

Bob: Larry! Extension cords are dangerous. You don't want to mess around with them.

Larry: Then how am I going to get plugged into God's joy?

Bob: Larry, God becomes your source of joy when you know how much he loves you, when you believe in him . . . when you know with your whole heart everything that he's done for you . . . when you know how much Jesus loves you . . . when you . . .

Larry: Hold it! Slow down . . .

Bob: Wh-Why? What's wrong?

Larry: Then what's all this "plugged in" stuff supposed to mean?

Bob: In *VeggieConnections* you have a chance to get plugged into what all that stuff means, Larry. You'll learn *how* God can be your source of joy.

Larry: I'll be anxious to head over to Madame Blueberry's Tree House to learn more about that.

Bob: Me, too, Larry. Because you really will learn that God can be your source of joy when you know how much he loves you. When you hear the stories about what God has done for us, you'll be amazed, Larry! When you hear about his Son, Jesus, you'll be . . .

Larry: Hey, Bob?

Bob: Ya, Larry?

Larry: You had me at God's love, Bob. You had me at God's love.



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- Lead children in the *Down in My Heart* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **God created each of us to be very special.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **This next story is about a Veggie who wanted to take dance lessons. But . . . he was a little bit shy about the way God made him.** Show Unit 6, Lesson 2 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – thank you for – making each of us – special with our – own special abilities. – In Jesus’ name, amen.**

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VIDEO CLIP:

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Lesson 2: I find joy in God whom created me to be.

Larry: (*with goofy thinking cap on his head*) Hi there, Bob!

Bob: Hi, Larry! What are you wearing on your head?

Larry: Oh this? Well, this is my thinking cap. I am really thinking hard today.

Bob: Thinking is good. What are you thinking about?

Larry: I was thinking that I am a cucumber.

Bob: Yes, you are.

Larry: And you, Bob, you are a tomato.

Bob: Right again, Larry! That thinking cap is working well.

Larry: Bob, don't be silly, that's not all I'm thinking of! I'm wondering *why* I am a cucumber and you are a tomato. That's why I'm wearing this fashionable thinking cap.

Bob: That's an easy one, Larry! You are a cucumber, and I am a tomato because that is how our Creator made us. God made each and every one of us special, and he loves us very much.

Larry: You're right, Bob! More reasons to be joyful. I'm glad I'm a cucumber, because that's the way God made me. That's the way God loves me. That's the way I can be special. And besides, this thinking cap is getting itchy!



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- Lead children in the *You Are the One* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **A trial is a problem or something that is hard in our life. Larry faced a trial earlier, and I'm curious to see how he handled things.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **There are three Veggies that have a big job to do in this next video clip. Let's see if they find joy in their work.** Show Unit 6, Lesson 3 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – thank you for – help us do – big and hard things. – Thank you for – celebrating with us – when we're done! – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 3: I can find joy even in times of trial.

Larry: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I present my first witness, Bob the Tomato.

Bob: Larry, what are you doing?

Larry: State your first name, please.

Bob: You know my name.

Larry: Please, sir, this is for the court, not just for me. State your first name please.

Bob: Bob. Now what are you doing? We aren't in a courtroom!

Larry: (*in a forced whisper*) Bob, we are having a trial, and you are the first witness, so don't blow it, OK? (*back to a normal voice*) As I was saying . . . Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this is Bob the Tomato.

Bob: Larry, why are we having a trial?

Larry: Well, when I broke my skateboard today, Archibald Asparagus told me that if I try really hard, I can find joy even in times of trial. So I'm having a trial, and you're my first witness. So tell me Bob, did *you* break my skateboard?

Bob: No, Larry! You already admitted that *you* broke your skateboard!

Larry: Ah ha! Now we're getting somewhere!

Bob: Larry, Archibald didn't mean you were supposed to hold a trial in a court of law. When he said the word, "trial," he meant when you have a problem.

Larry: But how can I find joy in having a problem, Bob? You should see my skateboard!

Bob: Well, weren't you joyful that Archibald was there to help you when it broke?

Larry: Well sure, Bob. He's my good friend.

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Bob: And aren't you joyful you have Archibald as a friend?

Larry: I can see the error of my ways, Bob! I plead guilty as charged.

Bob: But Larry, you aren't guilty of anything. It's all about finding joy. How about if we head over to Madame Blueberry's Tree house where we'll find out more about that?

Larry: Good idea, Bob. Are ya gonna cuff me, Bob?

Bob: No, Larry, I'm going to rest my case.



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- Lead children in the *Love Him in the Morning* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Joy comes from God's love for us. It is nice to have new stuff, but stuff alone doesn't bring us the joy that God does.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's see what happens at Madame Blueberry's house when she buys too much stuff. By the way, Madame Blueberry lives in a tree house!** Show Unit 6, Lesson 4 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Dear God – sometimes we want – more than we need. – Forgive us when – we're selfish – and help us share – with others. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 4: I find joy in being content.

Larry: Bob, I've been thinking . . .

Bob: About what?

Larry: (*dreamily*) About all the cool stuff that I could get.

Bob: But Larry, you've already got a lot of cool stuff.

Larry: Yeah, but it's old, and I'm bored with it.

Bob: So, you think that getting more stuff would make you happy?

Larry: Of course, don't you?

Bob: Not really. You see, getting more stuff is fun for a while, but then you get bored with that, too.

Larry: What's wrong with that, Bob?

Bob: Larry, you don't need more stuff. What you need is a change of attitude.

Larry: OK, I'll add that to my list . . . um, where can I get one of those, Bob?

Bob: Larry, you can't buy a new attitude, it comes from your heart.

Larry: I don't get it.

Bob: Well, you see . . . joy doesn't come from what you own. Joy comes from what's inside, and God is our source of joy. So instead of always wanting more, we can be happy with what we already have.

Larry: Hmmm, I'm going to think about that, Bob.

Bob: Well, let's head over to Madame Blueberry's Tree House so we can find out more about it.

Larry: OK, Bob, but first I have to go clean under my bed.

Bob: Why do you have to do that?

Larry: Because that's where I shoved all my old toys so I could make room for more.

Bob: Oh! OK, I'll help.



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- Sparks and Flash welcome children to Countertop Connections.
- Lead children in the *Thankfulness Song* on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Bob and Larry are really good friends. They can depend on each other, and they are thankful for their friendship.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's take a look at Madame Blueberry who just finished shopping for everything she ever wanted. Junior Asparagus is shopping too. Let's see how Junior reacts to his dad who doesn't get him everything he sees!** Show Unit 6, Lesson 5 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Heavenly Father – help us to be – happy with everything – we have. – We trust you – to give us – everything we need. – Thank you. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 5: I find joy in being thankful.

Larry: Oh, Bob, God is really awesome, and I'm feeling soooo thankful!

Bob: That's nice, Larry.

Larry: I'm thankful for my rubber duckie. I'm thankful that the sun came out today. I'm thankful for all the ice cream in my fridge. I'm thankful for the dust bunnies under my bed. Aren't you just soooo thankful Bob?

Bob: I suppose so, Larry.

Larry: I'm thankful for all the feathers in my pillow. I'm thankful for the colors in my favorite picture. I'm thankful for each grain in my sandbox. I'm soooooo thankful, Bob!

Bob: I kind of gathered that, Larry.

Larry: Aren't you soooo thankful, Bob?

Bob: Actually, I was feeling kinda crabby today, Larry.

Larry: I'm sorry to hear that, Bob. 'Cuz God loves us, Bob. That's why I'm soooooo thankful.

Bob: I'm happy for you, Larry. But I just lost at Ping-Pong again. Actually, I just lost for the five hundred and fifty-seventh time . . . in a row.

Larry: Wow. That's a lot of Ping-Pong.

Bob: I know that, Larry.

Larry: Maybe I can help you, Bob.

Bob: I'm not so sure about that, Larry. But you can try if you want to.

Larry: I want to, Bob. Repeat after me.

Bob: Umm . . . OK, Larry.

Unit 6, Lesson 5 (cont.)

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Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for my friends.

Bob: I'm thankful for my friends.

Larry: Soooooo thankful, Bob.

Bob: So thankful.

Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for my friends . . . who invite me to play games.

Bob: . . . who invite me to play games.

Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for jelly beans.

Bob: I'm so thankful for jelly beans.

Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for butterflies.

Bob: I'm so thankful for butterflies.

Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for smiling faces.

Bob: I'm so thankful for smiling friends.

Larry: I'm soooooo thankful for feeling better!

Bob: I'm soooooo thankful for feeling better!

Larry: Isn't God awesome, Bob?

Bob: Soooooo awesome. Thanks, Larry.

Larry: Don't thank me, Bob. Thank God.



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- Lead children in the *THINK—LINK—ACT* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **We can find a lot of joy in being kind to others. Our friends Larry and Bob find joy in being kind to each other.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Let's watch a video clip that is just for fun. God likes silly times, too. Who feels like a song about belly buttons?** Show Unit 6, Lesson 6 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for the way you – made us – belly buttons and all. – Thank you – that you love us – all the time – even when we're – being silly. – Please bring happiness – to the children from – Compassion International today. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 6: I find joy in being kind.

An electrical cord is set out near Larry.

Larry: Hi, Kids!

Bob: *(sneeze)* Acheew!

Larry: God bless you. Bob and I were just getting ready to . . .

Bob: *(sneeze)* Acheew!

Larry: Bob, are you feeling OK?

Bob: *(A bit nasal)* Not really. I think I'm getting sick.

Larry: Oh no! We're supposed to go to Madame Blueberry's Tree House today!

Bob: I may have to miss out on going today.

Larry: Well don't you worry about it, Bob. I'll tell you all about it!

Bob: Thanks, Larry.

Larry: Don't worry, Bob. I'll take care of you. Once when my Aunt Ruth was sick I took care of her, so I'm really, really good at it. I made chicken broth for her and wiped a cool cloth across her brow and when she fell asleep, I put cheese curls in her ears.

Bob: You did?

Larry: I couldn't help myself, Bob.

Bob: Larry, it's really very kind of you to want to take care of me, but I think I'll just get some rest. *(quickly exiting)*

Larry: *(following)* Are you sure, Bob? I'll just tuck you in, and bring you some broth, and wipe your brow . . .



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- Lead children in the *Down in My Heart* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **Larry is so excited today! I can hardly wait to see what's going on!**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **Here's a story about King George. He took something that didn't belong to him from his friend. Let's see how good he feels once they're friends again!** Show Unit 6, Lesson 7 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – for friends and – for forgiving us – when we hurt – others' feelings. – Thank you for – being our friend. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 7: I find joy in walking with God.

Bob: What's the matter, Larry?

Larry: I don't want to talk about it, Bob.

Bob: C'mon, Larry. You usually tell me everything!

Larry: I know, Bob. But this is bad. It's really bad, Bob.

Bob: What's wrong, Larry? You have to tell me! I'm your best friend!

Larry: But it involves you too, Bob. It's bad news for both of us.

Bob: What is it?

Larry: Yes, Bob. In fact, it's bad news for the entire Veggie world!

Bob: Larry, you have to tell me about this. Maybe I can help.

Larry: I don't think so. No one can. Unless you think we're about to get legs in our next video.

Bob: Well, err . . . no, I don't think that's going to happen. I don't think I'd *want* that to happen.

Larry: Well, then it's pretty bad news, Bob.

Bob: Well, OK. Hit me then, Larry.

Larry: (*Moaning*) Ohhhh, Bob! You're just making matters worse now!

Bob: (*Starting to get a little irritated now*) OK, that's enough, now. You've got to tell me what's going on.

Larry: Do you know how to find joy, Bob? It's by walking with God.

Bob: What's so bad about that, Larry?

Unit 6, Lesson 7 (cont.)

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Larry: (*Incredulously*) Are you kidding me? All these years and you've never noticed that we don't have legs?

Bob: Of course I've noticed.

Larry: Well how are we supposed to find joy by walking with God if we don't have legs? When we get there I think you'll notice that we're going to learn that we can find joy by walking with God. Walking, Bob. Not hopping. Walking. Ohhhh, dear. Do you want to break the news to the rest of the Veggie world, or do you want me to?

Bob: Larry, walking isn't a *literal* term.

Larry: I totally agree. It's not a littler term at all, Bob. It's quite devastating.

Bob: Oh brother. Walking with God means spending time with Him. It means we should do absolutely everything with God in our hearts! It means following God's path, obeying his rules, keeping God by our side all the time!

Larry: You mean Veggies *can* find joy with God? That's GREAT news! What are you waiting for then? Let's hop to it! I want to find out more about how to find joy by walking with God. Oh and Bob . . .

Bob: Ya, Larry?

Larry: "Hop to it" really is a littler term. (*Hops out.*)

Bob: (*Nervous chuckle*) OK kids. Let me see if I can explain the meaning of the word "literal" . . .



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- Lead children in the *God Connection* song on the *VeggieConnections Music CD*.
- Share announcements with children.

Puppet Skit, Video Clip, and Unit Memory Verse

- Introduce Bob and Larry puppet segment by saying: **It is fun to share our joy in the Lord with other people. Sometimes that is hard to do. I wonder if Bob and Larry have any suggestions for us.**
- To transition to the video clip, say: **It's great to share your joy in knowing Jesus. Let's hear a song about standing up for what you believe in. That's one way we serve God!** Show Unit 6, Lesson 8 video clip.
- Teach Psalm 16:11, the Unit Memory Verse, using ideas found on page 2.

Closing

- Close in repeat-a-prayer format. **Thank you God – that you stand with us. – Help us share our joy – with others. – Please bless the children – from Compassion International. – In Jesus' name, amen.**

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Lesson 8: I want to share my joy in the Lord with others.

Larry: I've got a math problem for you, Bob.

Bob: OK, I'm listening.

Larry: How do you divide a three letter word?

Bob: It depends on where the syllable break is, Larry.

Larry: Huh?

Bob: You know. If you look a word up in the dictionary, it will tell you how to pronounce it. It also breaks the word down into syllables. Those are kind of like the different beats in a word.

Larry: Bob, this isn't a grammar problem, it's a math problem.

Bob: I don't understand.

Larry: Neither do I, that's why it's a problem.

Bob: Larry, what word are you talking about?

Larry: Joy. I'm talking about the word "joy."

Bob: Oh! Well that word only has one syllable. You don't have to divide it up at all.

Larry: Yes you do.

Bob: No you don't.

Larry: Let's not argue, Bob. We're not setting a very good example for the kids. Just trust me on this one.

Bob: OK. Why do you have to divide the word, "joy"?

Unit 6, Lesson 8 (cont.)

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Larry: Because we're supposed to share our joy in the Lord with others. Do you know how to share, Bob? It means being willing to give part of something you have to someone else.

Bob: I know that . . .

Larry: So there are only three letters in the word "joy." If I took a J and half of the O, that would really give me a J c. You would end up with a backwards c y. The entire word would change and then where would we be?

Bob: Sharing joy with others doesn't mean dividing up the letters. It means spreading God's love and all the happiness that brings.

Larry: Well that's easy, then! Why did you bring in all that business about syllables and drum beats then?

Bob: I have no idea, Larry . . . Let's just head over where we can listen to someone who really knows what they're talking about!

Larry: Good idea.